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## French Left scores stunning election upset

PARIS (Reuter) - France's Socialistled opposition won a stunning parliamentary election triumph in yesterday's decisive second-round runoff, forcing President Jacques Chirac to share power

with a hostile left-wing government.

Exit polls predicted the Socialists and their non-Communists allies could win an absolute majority of between 289 and 298 seats in the 577-seat National

The right would take 242 or 243 seats, the ecologists eight and the far-right National Front-one or two.

Official results from the Interior Ministry, with 31 percent of districts counted, gave the Socialists 132 seats to

Just 40 minutes after polling stations closed, conservative Prime Minister Alain Juppe went on television to con"The people have spoken. Their decision is sovereign. We all respect it. I wish good luck to those who will now guvern France and I wish good luck to rance," he said.

The projected outcome was a crushing defeat for Chirac's center-right coalition. which held 464 seats in the outgoing lower house of parliament

The president, who dissolved parliament on April 21 saying he needed a

"new clan" to lead France into a single European currency from a position of strength, seems bound to call on Socialist leader Lionel Jospin to form a government

It will be the third time in 11 years that France has had a period of left-right power-sharing known as "cohabitation."

National Front leader Jean-Marie Le Pen said Chirac had suffered a double defeat and should resign.

Jospin has said he supports European economic and monetary union but would not impose a further bout of austerity to meet the strict criteria to qualify for the single currency in 1999.

He has said he will seek new European negotiations on giving greater priority to employment and economic growth, on including Italy, Spain, and Portugal in the single currency from the start, and on ensuring the euro was not overvalued

Communist leader Robert Hue, declaring "a great hope is born," said his party hoped to join "a government of the whole Left."

Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the Socialists' likely finance minister, said the Right lost because of unemployment. The Socialists have pledged to create 700,000 jobs for young people, half of them in the public sec-tor, over the next three years.

### **Mixed** signals on el-Baz mission

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Egypt's effort to get the Israeli-Palestinian peace process back on track generated contradictory signals from the two sides yesterday. A communique issued by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's bureau after his second round of talks with Egyptian envoy Osama el-Baz said "some progress was achieved.

But chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said "the situation is very difficult" and that there still is "a wide gap" between the parties.

Erekat's evaluation was based on a briefing he received from Egypt's ambassador, Mohammed Bassiouny, who attended el-Baz's two-hour meeting

Netanyahu's spokesman Shai Bazak described the session as "an attempt to define the problems dividing Israel and the Palestinian Authority

He said el-Baz's contacts with the two sides "will continue," but noted that a date has not been set for another meeting between him and Netanyahu.

El-Baz returned to Cairo immediately after his talks here. He had been expected to confer with Erekat, but their meeting was canceled and Bassiouny tonk his place.

"El-Baz had something urgent to do in the Egyptian capital," Erekat said, but said he did not know what that was,

The Netanyahu-el-Baz meeting was also attended by Foreign Minister David Levy, cabinet secretary Danny Naveh, policy adviser Uzi Arad, and Levy aide Ya'acov Bardugo.

Erekat saw no chance of an early summit with the participation of Netanyahu, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, and PA Chairman Yasser Arafat.

He attributed the current impasse to Israel's ongoing settle-ment activity, contending that if it it were frozen, "there would be no problem."

"There are 34 outstanding commiunents" undertaken by Israel which have not been fulfilled, he continued

Among those he cited were failure to "dissolve" the civil administration in Judea and Samaria, refusal to "withdraw the military government" in these areas, and evasion of "further redeployment."

Among the other causes of friction were the non-implementation of safe passage between the West Bank and Gaza, and the "inability of Palestinians to drive their cars to Jurdan and Egypt.

El-Baz's peace mission was seen by Foreign Ministry sources as a supplement, rather than a substitute, for the mediation undertaken by the US.

US envoy Dennis Ross is -expected to return to the region once el-Baz nails down a basis for a running dialogue or further negotiations between Israel and





Princess Aisha (center), who is setting up a Jordanian women's corps, is flanked by OC Women's Corps Brig.-Gen. Yisraela Oron (left) and Col. Orit Adatto, commander of Training Base 12 in Tzrifin, at a ceremony at the base yesterday.

## Police foil land dealer abduction

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Jerusalem police foiled an attempt by six Palestinians to abduct Palestinian land dealer Assad Rajibi shortly after midnight on Saturday, Jerusalem

Saturday's murder victim was unlikely target, Page 2

police chief Condr. Yair Yitzhaki

revealed yesterday. Rajibi, 57, was abducted from his home near Hizma, northeast of Jerusalem, by the six, who forced him into a car and fled toward

Ramallah, he said. Jerusalem police Shmuel Ben-Rnby said that acting on intelligence information, police pursued the two cars. The chase lasted for 10 to 15 minutes before police stopped the cars, freed

Rajibi, and arrested the six. Weapons were found in the pos-

session of some of those arrested, he said, adding that two guns were thrown out of the cars during the

The six Palestinians arrested are Mohammed Iwad, Fares Amtir, Morad Abdallah, Mohammed Khader, Ahmad Mantsour, and Jilal Sabitan. They were remanded for six days yesterday.

At a news conference, Yitzhaki blamed the head of security in the Palestinian Authority for Rajibi's attempted abduction and the murder of land dealer Mahmond Ali Jamhour.

Four of the six men involved in the abduction are Palestinian Preventive Security agents, Yitzhaki said. "It appears the head of security in the Palestinian Authority is directly

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involved," Yitzhaki said, adding: "I

refuse to divulge his name."

### TAU scientist's invention could cut nuclear terror threat

By JUDY SIEGEL

The US Patent Office has granted a patent to Tel Aviv University nuclear scientist Prof. Alvin Radkowsky for an invention that - if adopted by governments around the world - will significantly reduce the global threat of nuclear terrorism and the availability of nuclear weapons.

Radkowsky, who immigrated to Israel in 1972 after serving as chief scientist of the US Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program for 24 years, invented a technology that uses thorium instead of uranium for much of the fuel in the core of nuclear reactors, and does not produce any by-products that could possibly be used for making weapons.

At present, all the approximate-400 commercial light-water reactors in the world discharge over 70 tons of plutonium annu-ally. Only four kilos of plutonium are needed to make a nuclear

bomb. The invention is known as the non-proliferative light-water thorium reactor - or the Radkowsky Reactor (RTR). Thorium Thorium is much more plentiful and cheaper than uranium - it can even be mined in Israel - but until now, no practical method was found to exploit its potential in nuclear energy production.

Radkowsky noted yesterday that another advantage of the RTR is a major reduction in nuclear waste, not only in quantity and toxicity, but also in radioactivity and heat emission. Nuclear-power countries are facing serious problems in storing nuclear waste, he said.

The RTR, he maintained, could reduce nuclear power costs by 20% to 30%, partly due to the savings in uranium. The RTR

core is exactly the same size as with US government funding. It existing standard uranium cores, so it can easily be substituted.

Radkowsky said he presented bis ideas and design several years ago to then-energy minister Prof. Yuval Ne'eman, who "didn't appreciate the significance of the discovery and didn't agree to allocate money for the project." Instead, he turned to the Raytheon Corporation in the US. which was very interested. Now the patent has been granted to Radkowsky by the US, and also approved by the Japanese and

Russian governments. Last month, Radkowsky presented information about the reactor to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, which is now considering it for approval. A cooperation agreement was recently signed with Nuclear Fuel Industries of Japan, and a full-scale prototype RTR is now being built at the Kurchatov Institute in Moscow

should be ready by 1999. Radkowsky said he believes Western governments should be pressured into selling only RTRtype nuclear reactors to bandit countries such as Iran, Iraq, Libya, and Syria. They would also be installed in developing countries that lack natural resources, without fear that unstable governments may diven

the reactor fuel to make weapons. "If we don't put a stop to conventional uranium cores now. nuclear terror will ensue, and the use of legitimate nuclear energy will be barred worldwide," be

Radkowsky received a special award from the US secretary of the navy for an invention that made it possible to lengthen the endurance of naval reactor cores from several weeks to many years. This invention bas been declassified and is now used by nearly all commercial reactors.

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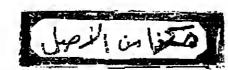
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# Hizbullah gunman killed

#### By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

IAF aircraft blasted Hizbullah targets twice yesterday, scoring direct hits and killing one guerrilla and wounding another.

The IDF said the first raid yesterday evening bit a Hizbullah stronghold north of Sujud in the lqlim al-Tufah region. Two hours later, IAF jets returned to attack a Hizbullah firing position near the village of Majdal Salim.

The air raids came as Lt. Yuval Nir, 22, of Rehovot, was buried. He was killed Friday night when his squad encountered Hizbullah mortar fire.

An initial inquiry into the inci-

dent by the Northern Command said that the fact the soldiers kept their distance from each other prevented further casualties. It also said the troops returned fire and evacuated Nir quickly. They were patrolling in what the IDF considers a relatively quiet area.

Nir's death sparked a renewed debate about the continued IDF presence in the security zone. A group of mothers of soldiers started a campaign to get the IDF to withdraw from south Lebanon.

We need to leave Lebanon," said Miri Sela, spokeswoman for the newly formed group. "Everything has been done and tried. Now it is time to move on to new solutions, totally differ-

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Sela told Israel Radio that her group is planning gatherings across the country this weekend and they hoped to collect 100,000 to 150,000 signatures on a petition calling for a withdrawal. She said the petition would be given to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and President Ezer Weizman.

But Avi Benayahu, spokesman for Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, said a total reassessment of the situation in Lebanon was recently made by the Northern Command, General Staff, and the defense establishment with instructions to reexamine all alternatives. It was then discussed in the cabinet and decided that Israel would stay put in south Lebanon, Benayahu said.

"In the present situation and existing conditions where there is a threat of brutal terror against the settlements and residents of the North, there is oothing to

replace our activity in south Lebanon," Benayahu said.

Also yesterday, IDF troops, aided by tanks, set up a roadblock near the village of Arnon near the IDF position at the Beaufort castle, and captured three Hizbullah activists who participated in attacks against Israeli forces in the area, the army said.

Liat Collins adds: Meretz leader Yossi Sarid yesterday repeated his opposition to a unilateral withdrawal from south Lebanon. "It would be irresponsible," he said.

"If we were to leave tomorrow morning, it's clear that Hizbullah would immediately come to the border and the communities of northern Israet would be in the firing range and under threat. There would he a danger of another war, so it won't even prevent loss of life as we

Sarid said the solution has to be found through diplomacy.



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him wherever he was, he said.

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(Bryan McBurney)

#### BACKGROUND

### Murdered man seemed unlikely target for PA wrath

#### By JON IMMANUEL

Mahmoud Ali Jamhour worked in a Jerusalem sandwich bar off Jaffa Road for 10 years, making sandwiches and small talk with the customers. One day a new group came in, spread maps out on the table, and, it seems, sealed Jamhour's fate.

Sometimes Arab dealers joined in the group, poring over the plans. Among them was 70-yearold Farid Bashiti, found bludgeoned to death near the Ramallah police station three weeks ago.

Jamhour, 34, was eager to please. Everyone who said they knew him, Jew or Arab, called him "a decent man." Uolike Bashiti's acquaintances, who spurned him after his death, Jamhour's acquaintances defend-

He held two jobs to support his wife and two small daughters, His wife was a resident of the Shuafat refugee camp in Jerusalem and therefore bad an Israeli identity card. Jamhour, whose family lives in a village north of Ramallah, also wanted an Israeli identity card, especially after closures were imposed on West Bank residents in 1993, making it potentially difficult for him to work legally

He applied for resident status acquaintances for help in speeding up the process. They told him to wait patiently; he finally received the identity card a year ago.

After a time, another group of Arabs began frequenting the sandwich bar. They were operating a nearby paint store. They came in, sat down, and watched the others

The Directorate

The Family

The Israel Police, which heard of Jamhour's interrogation, proba-bly from the Jewish real-estate A few months ago one of them asked Jamhour what kind of identity card he had. When Jamhour agents, offered him protection; he showed him the Israeli ID card he said he did not need it. In any case, he could oot stay away from his

had recently acquired, the man smiled and said, "so you are one of Bibi's boys. But you should know the Palestinian Police can get you, too." Jamhour took this as a piece of

friendly advice, rather than a threat. A month ago the anonymous Arabs stopped coming. A week later Bashiti was kidnapped to Ramallah and killed. The Jewish real-estate dealers also stopped coming. But Jamhour

continued to turn up every day for work. After tiving for years in accommodations, he rented recently bought a four-room house in what is a run-down area even by the refugee camp's standards. It cost about \$40,000 and he still owed money on it. He could not afford to stop working. But he registered it in his father's name,

angering his wife, who complained to the police in Ramallah. Last Tuesday, Jamhour received a call to come to the Ramallah police station. He went because he assumed it was about his wife's complaint. But he assumed the police might also ask him about his relationship with Basbiti, and he told them that he just served the

Jamhour was there for 24 hours and came back Thursday morning. He told his employers be had been interrogated harshly, kept alone in a cell and was not allowed to eat. But he was not beaten. Finally, as he expected, the police said he could go, and told him they would not press charges against him.

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> However, PA Justice Minister Freih Abu Medein said it is obvious that Israel is responsible for the murders. "I accuse the Israelis, those dealers, those traitors finished their job on the Israeli side. It's obvious Israel has a finger in it." he told

Yitzhaki said police have proof that Jamhour and land dealer Farid Bashiti had been held in buildings known to belong to the PA before their murders. This shows that it wasn't the initiative of one person," he said.

Yitzhaki told reporters that Jamhour and Rajibi were involved in the sale of a house in Abu Tor to

In response to the abduction attempt, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said that "such acts harm the idea of peace and coexistence between us and the Palestinians. We know that those who cannot respect their own people will not respect

Netanyahu added that Israel cannot accept attacks on murders on those holding Israeli identity cards, through the encouragement of senior members of the PA.

According to Ben-Ruby, police have a list of names of land dealers slated for murder, but he refused to divulge the number of dealers on the

Jay Bushinsky adds: The supposed emergence of the "Keepers of the Holy Land Group" as the underground outfit that murdered the three Palestinian land dealers was dismissed by David Bar-Illan, Netanyahu's media adviser, as "a ruse perpetrated by the

Palestinian Authority.
The KHLG is a cover-up for the actions of the Palestinian security forces," Bar-Illan said.

A pro-PA newspaper, Al -Hayat al-Jedida, was notified by an anonymous caller that the KHLG was behind the slayings, and reportedly was told that details of these operations will be disclosed

# Hitler' prankster deported

German musician who signed name as 'Adolf Hitler' will be fired

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

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The musician Gerd Reinke, who created a public storm over the weekend when he signed his hotel bill "Adolf Hitler," was sent home in disgrace yesterday morning. Reinke, a french horn player with the German Opera Berlin, will be fired and face disciplinary measures, orchestra sources said.

German Ambassador to Israel Theodore Wallau told AP yesterday that the musician could be prosecuted, noting the state legal authorities will have to decide what to do about him. We do not take these matters

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Binyamin Netanyahu was com-"It was a killer," said the actor

before his Friday morning show.

"I just got off the plane, into a

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n't even have time to take a

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He decided to start walking -

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9:30 a.m., 9:00 p.m.

gy left, I gave it my all."

which still had flat tires.

Reinke was sitting in the lobby bar of Herzliya's Hasharon Hotel late Friday night with a number of other orchestra musicians. drinking, and some of them were reportedly drunk.

When handed the bill to sign, Reinke wrote, in red ink, "Adolf Hitler." According to hotel guests who were nearby he added "let Hitler pay the hill." The outraged cashier asked Reinke what the meaning of signature on the bill was, and Reinke said it was a joke and tried to cross it out with his pen. He apol-

Haim Ben-Ami (left), director of ORT-Israel; Sandy Einstein, past president of ORT-USA; Ruth Taffel, president of ORT-USA; and Tsipora Levine, principal of the new Beverly Minkoff ORT Junior High School in Jerusalem's Malha neighborhood, pose

mear the benefactors' plaques at the school's dedication yesterday, one of the many events taking place this week in conjunc-

tion with the meeting of the World ORT Union's Central Board. Last night, the organization bestowed awards on Education

Hotel manager Tzvika Spieze, who heard of the incident the next morning, reported it to the New Israeli Opera, which is hosting German Opera Berlin for a series of performances at the Tel Aviv Center for the Performing Arts, including Mozart's Magic

Tel Aviv Mayor Roni Milo, who is also chairman of the city's opera council, demanded to cancel the German Opera Berlin's performance on Saturday night. Reinke did not take part in Saturday night's

lightly. Expressions of antisemitism are against the law in Germany."

ogized for his act afterwards, saying he had had too much to drink.

performance. At the opening of the performance the opera's assistant director read a mance the opera's assistant director read a letter of apology hy opera director Gotz Friedrich, who also announced the offending musician would be fired. A representative of the orchestra told the audience that the musicians oo longer consider Reinke as their friend and colleague and joined the demand to dismiss him.

Holocaust survivors demonstrated outside the Tel Aviv Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday night and some demonstrators said the entire orchestra and opera company should have been sent home.

## Airport workers one hour

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Following a near collision Thursday night between two planes on the Tel Aviv-Eilat route, Airports Authority workers prevented take-offs and landings at Ben-Gurion Airport for an hour yesterday to protest what they said are deteriorating safety conditions in Israeli air-

The near-miss occurred when two Arkia Dash 7s flying in opposite directions came within 50 meters of each other. Air traffic controllers have long complained that the air corridor to Eilat is too narrow and dangerously overcrowded.

close to each other in flight.

Ministry sources noted that the air force refuses to allow a wider air corridor. Israel has asked Jordan to allow Israeli planes to use Jordanian air space on the southern route and the Jordanians are studying the matter.

# strike for

Thursday's near collision was the fourth such incident in two months. Just three weeks ago, an Arkia Boeing 737 and Israir ITR also came

During yesterday's work stoppage, between 1 p.m. and 2, the airport staff continued to provide ground services, but refused to allow takeoffs and landings.

### Minister Zevolum Hammer and former education minister Amnon Rubinstein. Today at the Festival Protest against Bat Galim marina

By LIAT COLLINS

For a few hours yesterday morning, Jerusalem had its own beach, complete with whistle-hlowing lifeguards, matkot players, ice-cream veodors, and girls

Scores of protesters demonstrated outside the Interior Mioistry during the first committee discussion on turning Bai Galim Beach near Haifa into a

The protesters, Haifa resideots and members of environmental groups, including Green Action and the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, carried placards with slogans like: "From the happiness of many to the riches of the few," "Waves rush

to shores, not marinas," and "Don't dry up our sea." SPNI spokeswoman Oril Nevo said the marina project is "a cover-up for a huge real estate deal" covering some 320,000 square meters and incloding high-rise huildings, despite the ongoing dispute with environmentalists over other skyscrapers along the coast at the Carmel Beach.

The approval granted the marina in 1991 was granted on a technicality which does not fit in with the National Outline Plan for Beaches," said Nevo. We huilt the beach in Jerusalem because there will soon be nowhere else left. Public beaches are disappearing, and instead we're getting private beaches around marinas for the ose of those who can afford

MK Yossi Sarid (Meretz) also attacked the marina plan, saying: "There are enough marinas, and ool enough public beaches. The marinas are planned to ordinary people."

Haifa Mayor Amram Mitzna, however, rejected the charges, saying the project would improve facilities and attractions for the benefit of residents and

### New York salutes Israel

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - Despite efforts to kill it by design or neglect, New York's annual Sainte to Israel parade marched some 20 hlocks up Fifth Avenue yesterday. Although the parade boasts

yeshivol and day schools - and has been a fixture of New York Jewish life for more than 30 years, over the last few years it lost its usual organizational back-

patrons. The parade was rescued this year by board members of the North Shore Hehrew Academy,

who mounted an energetic event, hui one that was clearly run on a shoestring. Although crowd estimates were oot available, the rows of spectators lining Fifth Avenne, along Central Park, seemed thin. It was impossible, however, to determine if that reflected a lack of interest or a

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tens of thousands of marching schoolchildren - primarily from

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### The Peace Process-Obstacles & Expectations

Symposium with Senior Representatives of Egypt, Jordan, the Palestinies Authority and Israel Monday, June 2, 1997, at 5 p.m. at the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv



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Dr. David Kimche, Israel (former Director-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

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In January 1997, Egyptians, Israelis, Jordanians and Palestinians assembled in Copenhagen and joitly founded an intrnational movement for peace between Israel and the Arabs. The founders, who comprised some 40 members of parliament, Kneset members, intellectuals, Jewish and Muslim religious leaders, writers, poets and husinessmen proclaimed, in the presence of other supporters of peace from all over the world, the Copenhagen Declaration, which says, inter alia: "Peace is too important to be left solely in the hands of governments. Direct ties between the people and peoples of the region are essential to salvaging the peace process in the Middle East,"

#### Man held for murder of suspected killer

Naim Eliran, 22, of Netanya, was arrested over the weekend in connection with the murder of Shalom Aboutbul, whose body was found on May 12 in a Paris suburb.

Police believe Aboutbul was murdered because he mistakenly killed Netanya resident Paulina Duhitsky three months ago instead of her husband, Alex.

Alex Dubitsky was murdered last week as be sat in his Netanya coffee bar.

#### TAU lecturers on strike

No classes are to be beld today at Tel Aviv University, where a strike hy all lecturers, including senior faculty, was called yes-

Junior faculty members have been on strike for three weeks, and yesterday accused the university leadership of trying to break their strike hy offering passing grades to students. The junior faculty is pressing for "fair employment conditions." Jerusalem Post Staff

#### TAU Institute to be named for Peres

Tel Aviv University is establishing an Institute for the Research of Diplomacy and Regional Cooperation, to be named for Shimon Peres, that will serve as a social science faculty and employ schol-The institute will not be involved in policy making, but will focus solely on academic research. It will also serve as an infor-

mation center, which will document, channel, and store material pertaining to its research and maintain a computerized database of the diplomatic history of the State of Israel Peres has agreed to be a member of the institute's internation-

Jerusalem Post Staff

#### Peace activists demonstrate at Eskin's home

Peace activists demonstrated yesterday at the home of Avigdor Eskin, who was convicted last week of violating the Preventioo of Terrorism Act by putting a curse on prime minister Yitzhak Rabin a month before he was assassinated.

al advisory council.

The demonstrators carried signs that read "His blood is oo his head," and "We will oot forget who incited and who was murdered." Eskin's wife came out on her porch carrying a sign saying "Free Dror Adani and Haggai Amir." When demonstrators insulted her, she threw eggs at



Avigdor Eskin

Eskin was to have been sentenced yesterday by Jerusalem Magistrate's Court, hot the sentencing was postponed.

#### **DEA** gives course to local police

Representatives of the US Drug Enforcement Agency recently trained Israel Police officers oo the confiscation of money and property earned from crime. Police have been confiscating money and property from drug dealers for three years, but there is no local law against money laundering. Police here invited the DEA to give a four-day course to 35 police officers. Its goal is to institutionalize the confiscation of illegally-earned money, especially from drug dealing. Representatives of the Justice Ministry, the State Attorney's Office, the Income Tax Authority, VAT and customs, and the War on Drugs Authority also participated in the course.

#### Hochberg bail decision due tomorrow

Tel Aviv District Court Deputy President Moshe Talgam is to rule tomorrow on whether Amiram Hochberg, charged with murdering his lover Shlomii Bleichman and her mother Ida should be held in prison until the conclusion of his trial.

Ida Bleichman's body was found in her apartment on May 21, 1996. She had been shot in the back of the oeck. The following day, Shlomit's hloodstained car was found, but her body was

The investigation led police to believe that both Bleichmans were murdered by Hochberg on May 16.



The President, Faculty and Students of Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion congratulate our colleague and teacher

Professor Sara S. Lee

Director. Rhea Hirsch School of Education Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, Los Angeles, on being awarded The Hebrew University's Samuel Rothberg Prize

for her outstanding contribution to Jewish Education

Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman President

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A Dialogue Between Diplomats and Academics

Wednesday, June 4, 1997, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Senate Hall, The Hebrew University, Mount Scopus

From Past to Present: From War to Peace

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Prof. Steven Spiegel (Department of Political Science, UCLA)

Amb. Tahseen Bashir (National Center for Middle East Studies, Cairo) Prof. Moshe Ma'oz (Truman Institute, Hebrew University) Gen. (ret.) Mohammed Shiyyab (Department for Disarmament and Security Studies, Amman)

Prof. Galia Golan (Mayrock Center, Hebrew University) We would like to express our gratitude to the annual Rebecca Meyerhoff Memorial Lectureship Fund, the Israel Foreign Ministry and the US Information Service for their financial support.

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TV CHANNEL 9 THIS WEEK: Netanya Learning Center, Book Star - "Mr. Mani" (with Michael Shemer & Carol Novis); Dry Bones; ESRA Events. 6.30 p.m. Tevel - Tel Aviv - Dan Area 5.00 p.m. Matay - Haifa Town Area 7.30 p.m. Netanya Area 6.00 p.m. & 9.30p.m. Central & Southern Area

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Arutzel

By HELEN KAYE

At 6:30 p.m. last Thursday, Colin McFarlane got off the

plane. At 8 he was on stage at the

Jernsalem Theater, in a wheel-

McFarlane plays the Volscian general, Aufidius, to Steveo

Berkoff's Coriolanus in the

Shakespeare play of that name

which had its last Israel Festival

McFarlane fell off the stage

last week in London and tore a

tendon. At the last minute.

Berkoff decided that his replace-

ment didn't cut the mustard and

telephoned McFarlane to get on

performance yesterday.

Betar Jerusalem soccer star Eli Ohana, suspected of defrauding the tax authorities out of hundreds of thousands of shekels, was released yesterday on NIS 650,000 bail by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court.

Ohana, 33, is also one of the national team's senior players, and was unanimously chosen as the player of the season by the local

In court yesterday, tax investiga-tor Yosef Shviro said that an examination of the player's tax returns revealed large discrepancies between the sums declared by Ohana and his actual earnings.

Ohana denied the allegations and said that "everything would become clear shortly."

Investigators charged that Ohana failed to declare the purchase of a Jerusalem apartment. He also allegedly failed to declare money he had earned in Portugal while he was playing there.

Checks he received did not match the yearly sums of money stated in his tax forms, issued annually, said Shviro.

Ohana had his passport confiscated for 180 days, but Judge Nira Lidsky said that, if the tax authorities agreed, he could leave the country if he posted his bail in cash. This decision will allow him to travel to Moscow on Wednesday as Israel prepares to take on Russia in a crucial World Cup qualifying match next Sunday.



Betar Jerusalem soccer star Eli Ohana (seated) in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday. The court released Ohana, who is sus-(Barkai Wolfson, country of Ma'ariv) pected of large-scale tax fraud, on NIS 650,000 bail.

#### THE STATE OF ISRAEL THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL

Ministry of Finance

#### CALL FOR BIDS FOR LEASING OF LAND FOR THE HOTEL TRADE AT 15 HILLEL STREET

- The Ministry of Finance hereby calls for bids for acquisition of leasing rights for a period of 49 years, with an option for a further period of 49 years, in the property specified below.
- 2. a. The property is located at 15 Hillel Street in the Center of Jerusalem. The property is entered at the Land Registry Bureau as plots 191, 198 in bloc 30049, page 5722 and 4361 in book 1015. The land is not regularized. The area of the plots is about 1,160 sq.m. and the building area is about 1,934 sq.m.(Hereafter: "the property")
- b. The utilization limit according to the leasing agreement is 6,300 sq.m. for principal uses and 2,050 sq.m. for service areas, a total of 8,350 sq.m. For any additional utilization of any type whatsoever beyond the aforesaid utilization limit, an additional payment will be made to the State of Israel in accordance with Land Administration procedures.
- The local outline plan for Jerusalem plan no. 62, applies to the property. According to this plan the land is assigned as a "commercial area" including Inter alia, hotels.
- d. The global building rights are 150% on 3 equal floors, each of 50%.
- e. It is hereby clarified that the purchaser may use the property only for a
- f. A new plan for the property is in the preparatory stages. In the plan in preparation the aforesaid property is reassigned for an urban 3-star hotel, which will have 150 hotel rooms on an overall built up area of 6,000 sq.m. This plan is in its earliest stages and does not yet have statutory validity. The Ministry of Finance in no way undertakes that these plans will be approved and does not undertake to continue with the planning and with obtaining of approval from the planning authorities.
- g. Any development carried out in the future will oblige the successful bidder to make a payment to the development body.
- h. In addition to the amount proposed for the property, the successful bidder will also pay fees and taxes to the local authority, in accordance with the municipal by-laws in practice in the authority, and betterment
- 3. a. If so desired, the tender book can be obtained from the Yaadim Office at 134 Carl Netter Street, Jerusalem, Tel 02-5819491, Sundays to Thursdays, from 9.00 a.m. to 12 noon, against payment of NIS 1,250 which will be deposited in the account of the Ministry of Finance at the Postal Bank - Account No. 0250922, and this from 2.6.97.
- b. A visit to the property will take place on Thursday, June 19, 1997 at 4.00 p.m. On June 23, 1997, at 12 noon, a bidders' convention will be held in the offices of the Accountant General, at the Ministry of Finance, 1 Kaplan Street, Jerusalem, Room 650.
- c. The bid will be backed by a deposit of NIS 1,500,000 (one and a half million new shekels) by bank draft or independant bank guarantee.
- d. The bidder will attach to his offer a form with details regarding the - financial soundness and the hotel experience in accordance with the tender procedure.
- e. The last date for submitting the bids for the tender is 16.7.97 at 12 noon precisely. The bids will be placed in the tender box at the Ministry of Finance in Jerusalem in the Archives, room 523, floor 5 of the Ministry of Finance building, 1 Kaplan Street, Jerusalem. The Ministry of Finance may at any time extend and modify the date of closing of the tender, and notification thereof will be published in the press. In such a case the date of closing of the tender to all intents and purposes will be modified accordingly. Any bid which is not inside the tender box, at the time of closing of the tender, for any reason whatsoever, will not participate in the tender.
- 4. The Ministry of Absorption, which held and holds part of the property, covering an area of about 1,334 sq.m., in unprotected rental, may continue to rent from the successful bidder part of the property for 18 months from the date of payment of the entire price by the successful bidder. The rent and the conditions of rental are specified in the tender

### Deri petitions for delay in trial

By BATSHEYA TSUR

In another attempt to delay his criminal trial proceedings, Shas MK Aryeh Deri yesterday petitiooed to the High Court of

Deri presected an urgeot petition to the court asking for the attorney-geoeral to show cause why the criminal trial should oot suspeoded notil the High Court completes its bearings on petitions related to the report on Bar-On Affair. Deri was iocriminated io

the report and an Arych Deri

be brought agaiost him.

Last week, Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein turned down a similar request from Deri, saying the judges in the criminal proceedings were "objective and professional" and would not be affected by the High Court's hearings on the Bar-On Affair.

But in his petition yesterday, Deri said that he was likely to be discriminated against since the report by Rubiostein and State connection with the Bar-On Attorney Edna Arbel on the

affair had fingered him as the sole public figure against whom an indictment should be brought. The judges are only flesh and blood," Deri said.

It is impractical to cooduct two trials at once and Rubiostein and Arbel - in

their report pubĵust lished before Passover said Deri would be indicted only after his current trial is over, the petition said. Furthermore,

Navot Tel-Zur, said he had appealed Rubinsteio and (Issac Harari) Arbel not to

Deri's attorney,

their opinion since it could affect his client's criminal trial before the Jerusalem District

Rubinstein's decision not to postpone the criminal trial is therefore "exceptionally unreasonable," the petition said. In addition. Deri said in the petition, defense witnesses are no longer willing to give testimony since his name was mentioned in

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on Thursday, 5 June 1997, at 7:00 p.m. at the Malka Brender Hall of Justice, Trubowicz Building Tel Aviv University Campus, Ramat Aviv

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The public is invited

# New drug for Parkinson's disease

BY JUDY STEGEL

A new locally-developed Parkinson's disease drug that is meant for treating patients in the illness's advanced stages may also serve as an alternative for the main drug currently used, L-Dopa.

The new drug, called L-Dopa

ethyl ester, was developed by Prof. Daphna Atlas of the Hebrew University and Prof. Eldad Melamed of the Rabin Medical Ceoter-Beilinson Campus and financed Pharmaceuticals. Atlas will today

be cited for this work when she receives the Kay Prize for innovation at the Hebrew University Board of Governors meeting.

Conventional L-Dopa loses its effectiveness the longer it is takeo by Parkinson patients, who constitute one to two percent of the population over the age of 60 (there are some 10,000 patients

Because L-Dopa is not soluble in the blood, it can't be used directly by injection. Atlas's team, which included Drs. Jeff Sterling, Yitzhak Millman and Alexander

Weinberg, searched for a solution to be used at that stage when L-Dopa begins to lose its effectiveness: a drug with similar properties but highly soluble so it can be

injected in large quantities. The material, synthesized in Atlas's lab in Jerusalem, has three US patents registered for it by the Hebrew University's Yissum research and development corporation. She believes it can also be used during the early stages of Parkinson's, before the symptoms become progressively worse.

Although the new drug doesn't halt the progression of the disease. but only slows it, animal studies were very promising, and Teva is conducting Phase II clinical trials at a number of local medical ceo-

At the end of Phase II trials, Atlas hopes to begin the application process to the US Food and Drug Administration.

The team is also working on other new Parkinson's drugs based on anti-oxidant materials that would pass the blood/brain barrier and be a solution to Parkinson's, as well as Alzheimer's disease.

#### **Matza: Medicine shortage** for psychiatric patients

By JUDY STEGEL

Over 1,000 people are currently institutionalized in psychiatric hospitals "because of a shortage of medications that could help return them to society and the community," Health Minister Yehoshua Matza

said yesterday.

In a verbal attack on Finance
Minister Dan Meridor during a tour of the Tirat Hacarmel Psychiatric Hospital, Matza said Meridor "should show the same sensitivity for individual rights that he showed

when he was justice minister." Matza, who learned of the problem from hospital officials, said he was not sure we're not violating existing civil and patients' rights laws by "unnecessarily" keeping patients in mental hospitals.

During a visit to Rambam Hospital in Haifa, Matza warned that hospital budgets for buying medications are cut by 20%, as the Treasury is demanding, hospitals will have to choose between refusing patients or demanding that they contribute to the cost of medications.

### Egyptian Jewish community fights to keep its treasures

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

A protracted battle is raging between the 100-member Jewish community of Egypt and expatri-ate Egyptian Jewish communities

At the heart of the conflict are Torah scrolls and other artifacts and nuiai objects which the exi triate communities are seeking to take out of Egypt against the wishes of the resident community.

The scattered remnants of Egyptian Jewry were lambasted in an open letter signed by Esther Weinstein, president of the Jewish Community of Cairo, who criticized them for trying to take everything Jewish out of Egypt, instead of sending funds for maintenance and restoration of synagogues,

cemeteries, and holy objects. Weinstein singled out Nessim Gaon, president of the World Federation of Sephardi Jews, and philanthropist Phyllis Lambert for providing funds for the renovation of the Sha'ar Hashamayim syna-

gogue and the restoration of the 1800-year-old Ben Ezra synagogne, but they are the exceptions rather than the rule.

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Leading figures in Cairo's dwindling Jewish community are currently working to saving the Bassatine Jewish Cemetery and the remaining 12 synagogues in museum to permanently house Egypt's Jewish heritage.

The Brooklyn-based Historical Society of Jews from Egypt plans to build a museum of its own in New York and hopes to bring remaining Jewish relics from Egypt to the US.

The society is meeting with strong resistance from Cairo, where the general feeling among the Jewish population is that what was created, donated, and dedicated in Egypt should remain in Egypt. Furthermore, since nearly all the artifacts are more than 100 years old, to take them out of Egypt would violate the Egyptian antiquities law.

#### THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM

will dedicate The Bernard L. and Mary T. Sachs Chair in Cancer Studies

> with the participation of Keith and Herb Sachs

of the U.S.A. and the incumbent of the Chair Prof. Eliezer Kedar

> On Monday, June 2, 1997 on the Givat Ram Campus

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# King David captured on film

s Israel's 50th birthday looms, mem-otrists and biographers are sure to be dusting off old diaries and letters for the inevitable encomiums to the Great Men and Women of the state's first half-century. One documentary filmmaker is taking a fresh approach to the anniversary and is preparing a film on one of the country's great buildings.

Celia Lowenstein, a British documentarist whose previous work has spanned topics from the tribes of Madagascar to the world's stained-glass windows, is researching a documentary about Jerusalem's King David Hotel, which played its own tragic part in the battle for Israel's creation.

The botel, which was rebuilt just as the country around it was remade, is the perfect focus, Lowenstein says, for a film that will

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tell the story of Israel in the memories of the people who have passed through the cres-cent driveway and the stone portico into the high-ceilinged hallway of the botel.

"The King David is more than a hotel," says Lowenstein. "I think what's refreshing about the film is that it is a simple and beauriful idea and, like a lot of things which are simple and beautiful, will offer deeper insights,

Lowenstein and her Israeli producer, Amit Breuer, are looking for footage of the King David and events that took place there to incorporate into their film. They'd prefer the film to be old, but they add that it doesn'i have to record any particularly momentous event of geopolitics.

So, they ask, dig through your old cine reels and video cassettes for har mitzvas and weddings and anything else that shows the hotel in its role as something of an Israeli cultural institution.

The documentary will be filmed entirely in the King David and will be made up largely of interviews with employees of the hotel and people who have stayed there or been otherwise connected to it. Lowenstein aims to finish the \$450,000 project hy November and producer Breuer is negotiating to sell it to television companies in Germany, France and Britain. In Israel, it's most likely to show on movie screens.

Lowenstein, whn is making several trips to Israel for the documentary, is here now to attend the screenings of some of her previous films at the Jerusalem Cinematheque. The first, which shows tonight at 9:15., is Fascinating Fascism, about the art produced by this dangerous ideology.

The Cinematheque is also showing Sorry, Judas on Wednesday night and Lowenstein's latest film, Music for

Madagascar, on June 9.
Lowenstein's life, like her work, has been cosmopolitan. She lived for many years in Arizona, before studying in Paris and moving to London in the mid-1970s. She was working on a doctorate in psychology when she apprenticed herself to several filmmakers, mostly at the BBC. "I made my first film in 1989," she says. Let There Be Light

was "about stained glass, light and God."

She also talks of a certain aspect of her Jewishness that's particularly suited to the documentary world: "My upbringing was infused with Jewish spirituality that comhined a great deal of asking questions with not necessarily finding any answers. That's bow I approach the films I make."

If you have footage of the King David Hotel, contact Amit Breuer at (03) 561-

the palette remains in the chalky-

lemony range of natural San Francisco light. In the early sec-

oons, these shades are interrupt-

ed periodically, for sudden emo-

tional effect (Scottie's first glimpse of Madeleine, for

instance, registers as the startled

apprehension of a burst of strong

color: the camera moves toward

her white back, draped with an

emerald-green stole against a

blood-red backdrop), and later

the visual tones darken as the

mood darkens. This progression

is nearly absent in older, paling

The flattened-out look of the

VistaVision photography, mean-while, continues to make both

the locadon and painted back-

drops appear toylike and strangely two-dimensional - a

quality which serves to heighten

the film's surreal aspect. It does-

n't matter, in other words, if we know exactly what's ahead, the picture still bas the power to grip

us in a deep, unconscious way.

Much like Scottie's recurring
nightmare of dizziness and

falling, the movie grows more

baunting each time we see it.

Unlike bis bad dream, though,

Vertigo remains a work of byp-

notic beauty.

prints.

of the Muse

#### No steam for Pam

A movie company lost a \$5 million lawsuit last week, accusing Baywatch star Pamela Anderson Lee of backing out

of a steamy production.

Superior Court Judge David Horowitz ruled that The Private Movie Co. never had a valid contract with Lee to perform in the movie Hello, She Lied, and was not entitled to any damages for her failure to perform.

Horowitz said it was clear that Lee objected from the very beginning to the nudity and the simulated sex in the script

Pamela Anderson Lee

Michael Jackson

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submitted to her. The judge also found that Lee's former attorney, Michael Blaha, and her business manager had no authority to make the commitment for her to do the movie.

#### Jackson scouting in Poland

Michael Jackson huzzed over Warsaw in a helicopter last Tuesday, reportedly scouting sites for an amusement park he's thinking of building in the Polish

Immediately after getting off his private plane at the Warsaw military airport, Jackson, wearing sunglasses despite the rain, boarded a chopper to view potential investment sites.

The head of the State Agency of Foreign Investment, Waldemar Dabrowski, has said the deal, if realized, could be worth more than \$100

Later on, the pop star, wearing a mask because of exhaust fumes, toured the historic Wilanow royal castle and visited one of Warsaw's leading secondary schools.

Jackson left Poland for Germany the following day, in preparation for the second leg of his HIStory tour which began in Bremen on Sunday.

#### Making waves

The Water's Surface, the latest composition by young Israeli composer Gil Shohat, had its world premiere last night at a gala concert in Milan. The work, for strings, harp and reader, is named after a poem of the same name by Yebuda Amichai, who was present at the concert. Shohat, who is only 26, made waves last summer with his Concertino for Violin. He currently works and studies in Rome. Helen Kaye

#### TV listings on the Net

Israel On Line and the cable TV stations have established a new Internet site offering comprehensive lists - in Hebrew - of all local TV programs, with links to English-language home pages set up aboad about specific programs. The site also allows users to prepare a customized TV schedule according to program topics, viewing bours, channels and names, and to print them out. It is open to non-IOL subscribers as well. The address is http://iol.co.il/tv 1. 4. – Futty Siegel

Dull Bach, ugly Mozart

ISRAEL FESTIVAL REVIEWS

#### Hitchcock Hypnotic By ADINA HOFFMAN lt's possible, of course. o matter bow many omes to check out a video of you've seen Vertigo, couch, fathom the tor-tured emotional state of retired police. Vertigo and, from the Alfred Hitchcock's twisted 1958 masterpiece, the newly restored and released version retired police detective still comes as a mesmerizing Ferguson Scottie treat. By returning the brightness (Stewart) as he attempts to the blue of James Stewart's to recreate the image of eyes and digitally remastering his dead love, Madeleine the original tracks of Bernard (Kim Novak), in the form Herrmann's great, swirling score, restorers Robert A. Harris of a new girlfriend, Judy (also Novak, his "dead love" in disguise). It's possible and James C. Katz bave done

Directed by Alfred Hitchcock. Screenplay by Alec Coppel and Samuel Taylor. Based on the novel D'Entre Les Morts by Pierre Boiles and Thomas Narcejac. Restoration by Robert A. Harris and James C. Katz. Hebrew title: Vertigo. 129 minntes. English dialogue. Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested. With James Stewart, Kim Novak, Barbara Bel Geddes. Tom Helmore and Henry Jones.

VERTIGO

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more than responsible archival work: they've put the visceral charge back into one of the most obsessive and disturbing love stories ever committed to the

By CLAUDIA PUIG

The summer is off to a bang with

a dinosaur rampage that is not

likely to slow down for a while,

say movie-industry watchers. With its mega-record \$92.7-mil-

lion opening five-day weekend in

the US, The Lost World: Jurossic

Park may devour all the summer's

by these big mothers," said Jack

Trout, marketing strategist and

owner of Trout and Partners. You get a film this big, it dominates

distribution. Multiplexes say,

'We'll put it on five screens. A

dinosaur in the hand is worth two

The runaway success of The

Lost World, though it exceeded

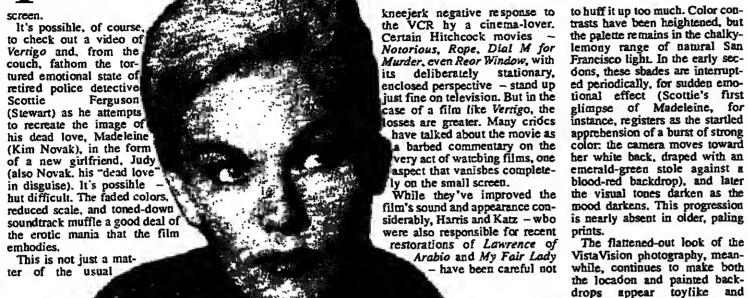
predictions, was expected, and

came during a wide-open period

Every film will be consumed

competition.

in the bush."



Kim Novak looks better than ever in the restored masterpiece 'Vertigo.'

accustomed to increasingly fluid

summer opening dates over the

The Lost World set another

record in the number of screens it

opened on - a figure that is esti-

mated at more than 5,000, topping the record set last year by

Paramount's Mission: Impossible,

which also opened over the

Memorial Day weekend, on just

under 5,000 screens, according to

John Krier, president of Exhibitor

The Lost World earned an esti-

mated \$28,262 per screen for five days (compared with Mission:

It also apparently will become

the film to most quickly reach

\$100 million at the box office. The

trend this summer will likely be for

expected blockhusters to follow

Impossible's \$18,862).

past few years.

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Jeff Goldblum (bottom), here seen in the original 'Jurassic

### Theater blooms in the Negev

The dinosaurs are back

movies dared to tread. But the

stakes have been officially raised,

and real sparks could fly when

other big summer movies - including Con Air, Speed 2:

Cruise Control, Batman & Robin

Studios are increasingly realiz-

ing that opening dates, particularly the summer and during

Christmas holiday ome, can mean

Universal Studios, which dis-

tributed The Lost World, claimed

dibs on Memorial Day weekend

last December, scaring off every-

one else from opening even within

a two-week period of the dinosaur

And Paramount has postponed

the planned July 4 opening of

Titonic, reportedly to December

19. This has sent exhibitors scram-

everything.

and Hercules — will be opening

where no other big summer bling, though most have become

The Beersheba Theater bopes not only to lure its audiences back, but "to make the theater an indissoluble part of the lives of all those living here," said its general manager Razi Amitai last

He was introducing the '97/98 season which also celebrates 25 years since Gary Bilu founded the theater in 1973. And Beersheba is having a yearlong hirthday bash in the anniversary's honor. The season's 15 productions

include six new ones, four of which are hy local playwrights. Two are revivals: Ephraim Kishon's farce about Romeo and Juliet 20 years on, Ho Ho Juliet, and, to celebrate the country's and its own 50th hirthday, He Went through the Fields hy Moshe Shamir, which premiered right after the War of Independence.

The new plays are both about minorioes. Moti Averbuch's Black Moon examines the culture-clash between the traditional and the modern among the Beduin, and Haim Idissis's My Kinneret looks at the forcible removal of a Yemenite communi-

ty from by the lake. Plays from world literature include Peter Shaffer's Equus, Ibsen's An Enemy of the People, Goldoni's The Venetian Twins, a co-production with Beit Lessin, and American playwright Reuben Gonzales's The Boiler Room, about the struggle for survival and dignity among the underclass. Holdovers from this season include Averbuch's Berta's Piano



Shiri Golan, Yigal Sachs star in 'Berta's piano.'

and Other People's Money.

Amitai took over the faltering theater from his predecessor, Gadi Roll, only in January. He says that he had to construct the repertory basically from scratch, and within the framework of a fiscal recovery plan for the theater which ended 1996 with an NIS 2.2 million deficit. The 1997 budget is NIS 13.8 m., of which 72.5 percent is

public funding.

Beersheba's financial problems stem from both the Beersheba municipality's chronically late transfer of approved funding, and audience rejection of Roll's theatrically daring repertory of intellect-challenging plays.

Amitai is no stranger to challenge. He came to Beersheba after five years at the Orna Porat Children's and Youth Theater during which time be rescued the theater from its financial doldrums

and revitalized its reperiory.

His plans for Beersheha include simultaneous translation of pro-ductions into Russian and English, youth-group activities, and the planned reopening next week of the theater's 70-seat "theater to come" space with performances of the '97 TheaterNetto plays.

"We also want to encourage experimentation there." he said, and he didn't have so add: "on a shoestring budget.

Park,' returns in the bugely successful sequel.

this lead and book on record num-bers of screens, at least for their insiders. (Los Angeles Times)

### **Reviving Abu Ghosh**

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

When he was 12 years old Gershon Cohen attended his first major musical event. It was the Zimriya (a huge concert of Jewish choirs from all over the world) and although he did not purchase a ticket to the event at the Ramat Gan stadium, he did manage to get in somehow, as many children do.

Years have passed and Cohen, who bas no particular musical background, became a physical education teacher who loves choirs and choral singing alike. And then six years ago Cohen, no longer involved in the nadonal education system, struck gold. For the first time in his life he managed to combine business and pleasure, professional life and his life-long passion.

Cohen managed to revive the legendary Abu Ghosh choral-music festival. The festival itself was, in the '60s, one of the hottest musical events around, the place where the first local performances of masterpieces like Handel's Messiah and the Bach Passions were performed. But at a certain point the myth folded and it took over two decades to revive.

"I managed to create a very specific and close relationship with the people at the church." Cohen says.

In six years Ahu Ghosh has become a true bona-fide festival. It takes place twice a year, at Shavuot and Succot, and it attracts music lovers from all over Israel who come to the serene Arab village just outside Jerusalem, enjoy

eating bumous in its many restaurants and listening to concerts in its various churches. This year's festival takes place June 10-14 and

features 16 concerts Cohen is proud that he managed to revive the fesoval. "I helped develop the musical scene in the area. Now there are also concerts in Beit Jamal and other surrounding locales, and we also bave monthly winter concerts in the church itself. Suddenly this entire area is flourishing with classical

Cohen is also happy that in many ways he managed to help local choirs, first and foremost by enabling them to perform in the festival in front of enthusiastic audiences. "I really like what I'm doing, otherwise I would have left it a few years ago. But I also want the audiences to be open and accepting of what we are doing. It is obvious that everyone purchases ockets for concerts of music by Mozart and Bach. But there are other musical gems in the festival which are not always sold and it

makes me angry.
"We have several great programs in the coming festival [this Shavuot] like a concert with the Jerusalem Consort and the Jerusalem Baroque Ensemble and they are not selling very well and it disappoints me. And then there is a concert with three children's choirs which regularly receive awards in international compentions all over the world, but here the public does not show any real interest. I have no idea why this is so, it beats me."

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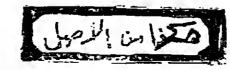
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#### Iran's Lebanese role

t. Yuval Nir died on Friday from wounds sustained in a mortar attack in southern Lebanon, the tenth Israeli soldier to die there this year. With each soldier's death, the pressure builds to find some alternative to the current deployment there. The question is whether there is any alternative that will cost fewer Israeli lives, both of soldiers and civil-

Israel's saga in Lebanon began about 25 years ago, when the PLO established a state within a state in southern Lebanon after being kicked out Iordan in 1970.

The collapse of Lebanese sovereignty was, of course, a tragedy for Lebanon itself. But Israel also became a victim, as southern Lebanon became dominated by terrorists who made life unlivable along both sides of the northern border.

Israel has tried innumerable military and diplomatic solutions to fill the vacuum created by the inability of Lebanon to maintain cootrol within its own borders. The first major military attempt was the 1978 Litani Operation, after which Israel established the first, narrow "security zone." Then came the divisive 1982 war, called "Peace for the Galilee," followed by an expansion of the security zone. The years that followed were punctuated by other major military operations, most recently last year's Operation Grapes of Wrath.

Over time, the source of the threat across the border has changed. Once it was the PLO, now it is Hizbullah. Structurally, however, the nature of the problem has remained the same. The Lebanese government lacks control over the south and its border with Israel. This lack of efficacy has been reinforced by Syria and later Iran, which have used the people and territory of Lebanon in their war against Israel.

The recent election of Mohammed Khatami as Iran's president is unlikely to change this equation, just as the earlier election of another supposed "pragmatist," Hashemi Rafsanjani caused no change in Iran's behavior. Indeed, Hizbullah reports warm relations with Khatami, who visited their leaders in southern Lebanon just before his election, and in any case, the country's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, reported-

ly retains control of Iranian foreign policy. The US and Europe, which are trying not to shut the door on Khatami before giving him a chance bowever. Syria should not be considered the prove himself, should put southern Lebanon only o high up oo their list of litmus tests for improved certed Western will, Iran's tired revolutionary

Sir, - Daniel McGowan (Letters,

May 16) urges the creation of a mon-

ument to commemorate the "vic-

tims" of what he calls the "mas-

sacre" of Arabs by Jewish soldiers in

the town of Deir Yassin in 1948. The

only problem is that there wasn't any

The Arab village of Deir Yassin,

near Jerusalem, had been fortified

by Arab terrorist forces to serve as a

launching pad for attacks on Jewish

vehicles using the nearby road to Jerusalem during the 1948 War of

Independence. It was a legitimate

military target. I was a member of

the Irgun Zva'i Leumi unit sent to

capture Deir Yassin on April 8,

1948. In an effort to avoid Arab

civilian casualnes, we forfeited the

element of surprise and sent ahead a

truck with a loudspeaker to warn

the villagers, in Arabic, that a battle

would shortly ensue. More than 200

of the villagers fled. During the

subsequent house-to-house fighting between the Jewish forces and

beavily-armed Arab terrorists, my

comrades and I discovered that the

Arabs had prevented some civilians

from leaving, in the hope that their

presence would deter the Jewish

soldiers (which is precisely what

the PLO did in Lebanon in 1982).

As a result, a number of Arab civil-

ians were inadvertently killed dur-

Exploiting the fact that there were

a number of these inadvertent Arab

STOLEN CARS

Sir, - Elli Wohlgelernter's report

(May 6) that less than two days after

its theft, the car of Jerusalem City

Councilman Oman Yekutieli was

returned, thanks to the swift inter-

vention of Jibril Rajoub, the

Palestinian Authority's security

chief, is illuminating, and revealing.

The indubitable inference is that

were the many thousands of cars

stolen by Arabs owned by Meretz

members, Rajoub would restore

them too to their owners in a trice.

"Unfortunately," most of us do not

belong to Meretz, and therefore our

government will continue silently

(and disgracefully) to condone

Rajoub's withholding information

regarding the whereabouts of our

**BEN SHUA** 

stolen cars, and the cars themselves.

Jerusalem.

ing the battle.

massacre, I know; I was there.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**DEIR YASSIN** 

casualties, Arab propagandists

immediately invented a colorful tale

of lews raping and massacring hun-dreds of defenseless civilians and

mutilating their bodies. Throughout

the past century, Arab propagandists

have routinely circulated such alle-

gadons after military clashes with

Jewish or Israeli forces - the only

difference in April 1948 was that the

Irgun and the Hagana (the Labor

Zionists' militia) were locked in a

bitter rivalry and some Hagana offi-

cials thought it would be to their

political advantage to condemn the Irgun "massacre." Later, others with

political agendas repeated the phony

"massacre" claim: Daniel

McGowan, for example, cites what

he calls "the account of the Israeli

military historian Colonel Meir

Pa'il" while neglecting to mention

the inconvenient fact the Pa'il was

the leader of the extremist Moked

party (a branch of the Communist

Party). Pa'il is not exactly an objec-

There were no objective eyewit-

nesses who claimed to have seen a "massacre" at Deir Yassin - only the

surviving Arab residents, who spun

colorful tales to aid their cause, and a

few Red Cross officials, who came

the next day and saw a number of

dead bodies, without having any way

of knowing how they were killed.

SAMUEL SCHACHTER

FRIVOLOUS EXPENSE

Sir, - I can understand when

companies advertise their product

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tisement in The Jerusalem Post 10

Professor Ne'eman in the wake of

his acquittal (May 161. Do they

have a budget for frivolous

expenses? Would not the money

spent on the advertisement be bet-

ter used to buy medical equipment

or to boost the morale of the

BRIAN ZIETMAN

patients or staff of the hospital?

advertising to make a point.

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to improve sales.

increase revenues.

Jerusalem.

tive source on such matters.

lists will be a cessation of terrorism, and other barbarities, such as the fatwa against Salman Rushdie, that are directed against the West.

But while it is understandable that nations focus first on interests closer to bome, the case of southern Lebanon must not be ignored in measuring any possible change in Iranian policies. Iran's financing of terrorism against Israel, both from southern Lebanon and by Palestinian rejectionists elsewhere, is one of the largest wrenches in the peace process.

It might be worthwhile to stop for a moment and think of bow much bealthier the peace process would be if this wrench is removed. If the major source of weapons and funding for Hizbullah was to dry up, and that threat became militarily much more manageable, the pressure would grow on Syria to strike a deal with Israel or face a unilateral Israeli withdrawal. Iran's pulliog back would significantly reduce Svria's ability to play the Lebanese card.

On the Palestinian front, too, the evaporation of Iranian backing for rejectionist groups would go far in removing any excuses Palestioian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat might bave for not implementing his Oslo commitment to dismantle the Palestinians' terrorist infrastructure.

The lesson of the Iranian election should be that Western economic pressure on Teheran, bowever limited, bas bad an impact. In voting for Khatami, the Iranian people were voting in part for an end to the ideological extremism that impoverishing and stifling their country. If there is no immediate and substantial change in Iranian policy. Western economic pressure should be increased.

Pragmatism cuts both ways. If the ecocomic pressure on Iran remains unchanged, or even eased, the pragmatic response within Iran might be to make no change in its aggressive behavior. If sanctions against Iran are tightened however, the case of whatever true pragmatists exist will be strengthened.

It has become part of the conventional wisdom - and not without justification - that there are no military solutions for Israel in Lebanon. It is also true, given the current political landscape, that there are no less costly alternatives to Israel's continued presence in the security zone. When pursuing a diplomatic solution, Iranian behavior. Of course, topping the Western government could be induced to be cooperate.

JEWISH ROOTS

Sir, - Professor Joseph Dan

bemoans the lack of interest in

Jewish studies on the part of mod-

ern secular Israeli youth in his arti-

cle of May 16. He asks wby is this

Prof. Dan, a student of the world-

renowned Kabbala academic, Prof.

Gershom Scholem, represents the

second generation of secular Israeli

researchers in Jewish mysticism.

He wonders why so few youth care

An anecdote may help illuminate

Dan's predicament Some years ago

Prof. Scholem confessed to a stu-

dent, the then-young Prof. Moshe

Idel, that he had tried the meditative

techniques of Rabbi Abraham

Abulafia (a 13th-century kabbalist)

to little effect. What was not obvious

to Prof. Scholem is not obvious to

Prof. Dan, his disciple, namely that

Jewish mysticism is a living thing, a

way of life that must be lived to be

understood. The minimum criterion for the successful pursuit of Kabbala

is the leading of an observant Jewish

life. How different from the correct

methodology in the study of biochemistry or nuclear physics.

The study of Kabbala at the

hands of academia is nothing short

of autopsy. Who needs a third gen-

eration of Kabbala morticians? Of

course, secular youth will have

oone of it. Their elders have poi-

soned the field, and now the youth

faithfully complete the job of leav-

Prof. Dan admits that he and his

confreres "oppose the haredim in

every possible way," yet he wonders

why he can't inspire the new gener-

ation with an interest in Jewish stud-

ies. To Jewish studies he should add

Zionism. Not only are contempo-

rary Israelis losing interest in their

roots, they're losing their Zionism.

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### Eleventh hour

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

acept for what the candi-dates themselves are obvi-ously feeling, there's a definite lack of excitement over tomorrow's Labor Party leadership contest.

Partly that's because it seems pretty clear that Ehud Barak will win. And Barak is the only candidate who entered the contest with an unbridled lust for power (he's learned to temper that a bit).

The campaign has thus been a

Labor will have a new leader this week, but all eyes are on another election, three years away

rather gentlemanly affair. Anyone who hoped for venom was disappointed. It has not been without interest, however.

The four candidates, all born in the '40s, probably boast between them an IQ score that would not shame eight ordinary people. Intellectually Barak, Beilin, Soeh or Ben-Ami could beat Binyamin

Netanyahu any day. There's just one problem: The contest for the premiership in 2000 isn't going to be an intellectual one, and out of the Labor contenders only Barak seems to have what it takes to win on the populist level.

Here's an 11th-hour summary of my perceptions of the four:

Ehud Barak was supposedly the most intellectually able and analytical of all our chiefs of staff. But expectations that he would turn the IDF into a smaller, cleverer, more efficient fighting force were not realized.

Unlike many intellectual types, however, Barak seems to get a real kick out of working the crowds: bugging old ladies, pinching babies' cheeks and gazing deep into the eyes of total strangers. Yet, paradoxically, of all Labor's top men Barak is the least accessible.

As a party member, while I have never had any difficulty getting hold of any Labor leader or representative for an informal chat, my request (in writing) for a meeting with Barak has been gathering dust on some shelf for the last half-year.

This says something about the aloofness of a man who reportedly, and despite his "people skills." is a "soloist." His enemies would call him a dictator.

Yossi Beilin has the broadest governmental and diplomatic experience of the four, and is the only one who has climbed up from the bottom of the political ladder. The most impressive feather in his cap is the first Oslo agreement, the Declaration of Principles, which was his brainchild.

Beilin is also the only candidate with clearly-thought-out views regarding all the major issues on the national agenda, and clear notions on how to attain most of his goals. Surprisingly enough, he enjoys

the support not only of middleclass, educated Ashkenazi doves. but also of some settlers and members of Tsomet's Young Guard. This may be explained by the fact that those right-wingers wbo understand that a generous com-promise with the Palestinians is inevitable believe that Beilin, much more than Netanyahu, will be able to come up with the best

deal from Israel's vantage point. The only thing about Beilin that disturbs me is his Sphinx-like expression, which makes it impossible to guess what is going through his mind.

Shlomo Ben-Ami, historian and relative political novice, is the only ooo-Ashkenazi, non-sabra of the four - though, in the intellectual-cultural sense, he is probably the most European. The only one to focus on social issues, much of what he says is based on personal

### **Dry Bones**





Tuesday, 58 percent opted for Irrespective of who wins tomorrow, Ben-Ami is certain to find himself in the beehive of any future Labor leadership. I would cent for Sneh. go so far as to say that he is indis-

Enhraim Such is considered the least charismatic of the four, even though his personal demeanor is the most pleasant.

I was touched when, as health minister, be came and paid his coodolences when I was sat shiva for my daughter, and be stayed for more than just a few minutes.

In his strategic thinking Sneh is probably closest to Yitzhak Rabin; but with Barak as leader, he could find himself completely overshad-

According to Mina Tzemah's · opinion poll in Yediot Aharonot last Friday, of the 88 percent of Labor Party members willing to say bow they will vote on

Barak, 29 percent for Beilin, 9 percent for Ben-Ami and 4 per-

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THESE results have only strengthened my resolve to vote for Beilin, to whom I feel closest ideologically. While I am certain that Barak. the only Labor candidate capable of beating Netanyahu - or Yitzhak : Mordechai - will win tomorrow, I would rather see him walk off with a moderate victory, that is to say, more than 40 percent, but less

than 51. This will make it easier to contain whatever hidden dictatorial tendencies he may have, saving the Labor Party from the fate of the Likud after Netanyahu won the party leadership there by 52.1 percent in March 1993.

The writer is a political scientist.

### No democracy, no peace

ew things aroused left-wing scorn like Prime Minister Netanyahu's assertion to Congress last summer that real progress toward peace would require the democratization of

Arab countries. What really bothered the Left. which wants peace now, was not the substance of that argument. but its implication that peace takes

There is, after all, an example of a non-Arab but Moslem Middle-Eastern society that has successfully democratized: Turkey. And recent years have seen democratic experiments in Yemen, Algeria, Jordan, and eveo Moslem-fundamentalist Iran.

The Arab "man on the street" is known to admire Western democracy and long for greater personal

So far, to be sure, the experiments haven't yielded anything close to Western-style democracy. But the Left dismisses even the notion of democracy and peace evolving hand in hand - because it

doesn't have the patience. Not surprisingly, then, it was the Left that accepted the strikingly undemocratic claim that the PLO was the Palestinians' "sole legitimate representative," and Yasser Arafat their sole leader.

And it was the left-wing Rabio-Peres government that, for the time being, stamped out any hope of Palestinian democratization and instead imposed on the Palestinians the corrupt, brutal regime they're now stuck with.

#### P. DAVID HORNIK

We need to hear more from the Left about this situation. We know what it thinks of the Netanyahu government - it has to be toppled, it's wrecking peace,

it's awful.

But what about the Arafat government? As the inconsolable woman in T.S. Eliot's The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock didn't matter?

about their decision to revive the then-moribund PLO and set it ap as the Palestinians' government, or was the idea just to get Israel out of the territories by hook or by crook? Did they believe that Arafat would govern the Palestinians bumanely and efficiently, or did they believe that it

When a Palestinian is tortured to death by the PA, do Peres and Beilin take any responsibility, feel any guilt?

laments: "That is not what I meant, not what I meant at all." One might well ask Messrs. Beilin and Peres: Is the Arafat

government what you meant? Is the Palestinian Authority the sole legitimate representative of Bassam Eid, the Palestinian dissident and human rights activist who has been incarcerated for exposing its abuses? Or of Daoud Kuttab, the Palesonian journalist jailed for a week for highlighting the impotence of the Palestinian Legislative Council? Or of Mahmoud Ali Jamhour and the two other Palestinian land dealers recently beaten and tortured to

death by PA goons? THE architects of Oslo owe us an explanation.

Was there something moral

When a Palestinian is tortured to death by the PA, do Peres and Beilin take any responsibility, feel any guilt? It was their policies, after all, that led directly to that result.

Perhaps accountability only applies to right-wing politicians like Ariel Sharon. For his bad judgment leading to the Sabra and Shatilla massacres,

Sharon was removed from office by the Kahan Commission and permanently tainted. For the bad judgment that led to

the deaths of hundreds of Israelis in terrorist attacks and the subjection of a whole populace to a totalitarian regime, the architects of Oslo receive prizes, accolades, and the right to defame those troubled by these developments as enemies of peace.

Yitzhak Rabin, at least, seems to

have had no illusions about the Arafat regime he was setting up. In his famous remark, he assured us that the PA would fight Hamas effectively, without being hin-dered by burnan rights-organizations or crying parents.

But Rabin got only part of it right. The PA, no doubt, fights its perceived enemies ruthlessly; it's just that Hamas isn't one of them. but rather an ally in the ongoing struggle against Israel.

Which brings us back to Netanyahu's point: There might be some connection between peace and the nature of the parties Israel makes deals with.

It's not, after all, a Netanyahuism, but an established finding of political science: Democracies have a perfect record in settling disputes with each other peacefully; regimes that abuse the human rights of their own subjects are much more likely to be aggressive toward

neighbors. To all the stories of the PA's arrocities against Palestinians and Israelis, its comunion, and amass ing of weapons, the Left scentingly has one reply: More power to 'em. Many people ask: Garen this

record, isn't it both immoral and imprudent to extend the PA's reach still further? The Left doesn't have time for

such questions. It's too busy applauding the growth of the Mediterranean Iraq in outsindst.

The author is a writer and translator living in Jerusalem.

### Brave, clear voice of Israel abroad

Tatan Sharansky is in America, talking about what is going on between Israel and Yasser Arafat. These days there is nothing Israel needs more - a clear, brave voice

abroad. Israel's Likud coalidon has fulfilled the concessions made to the Palestinians by the Labor government it defeated almost a year ago. It has received back only what Labor got: broken promises. It has met armed attack from Palestinian police and violence from Palestinian civilians with

talks alive. But the Netanyahu government has oot been able to make itself heard over the attacks of those Israeli and Western officials, politicians and journalists who will not forgive it for winning the election. Netanyahu himself has not presented bis government's case to the world nearly as consistently and effectively as his friends hope he will. Sharansky

restraint, and keeps bope of peace

does that when be travels, an asset to Netanyahu and Israel. The industry and trade minister is short, bald and beautiful. He doesn't wear a tie. People attend his words because he has earned his credentials - not under freeA.M. ROSENTHAL

dom, but in the Soviet Union, first as a dissident hated by the KGB, then through nine years of vicious incarceration. He was freed in 1986, by US intervendon. Those days, America did that kind of

Sharansky is a man of courage and laughter. He presents realities Westerners rarely hear nowadays.

off decisions on matters of overarching importance to Israelis and Palestinians - like how much territory would be turned over. Israeli agreement on Palestinian status, the future of Jerusalem.

The Likud ruled out surrendering control of Jerusalem or enough additional territory to jeopardize Israeli security against

#### Short, bald and beautiful - that's Sharansky, still fighting

The Oslo agreement, he says, was deeply flawed from the beginning. It put the easy parts first, all gifts to the Palestinians: recognition as an equal partner, rule over West Bank cines and substantial territory, creation of a Palestinian Authority with powers of a state.

Despite its opposition to Oslo. the Netanyahu government accepted what was done as done; and it did what the Labor government kept postponing from fear of Israeli public opposition - withdrawal from Hebron.

But Labor agreed at Oslo to put

attack or terrorism.

Labor's gifts, Sharansky says, filled Arafat with expectation that he would sweep the table. When the Likud declined to fulfill all his dreams, and even dared open a second door in an old archeological tunnel, Arafat ordered Jews killed by the Palestinian army that Labor helped create. He increased terror against Palestinians - the murder of Arabs who sell land to Jews, the arrest of Palestinians

who criticized bim. Westerners addicted to rationalizing despotism instruct us that if Israel goes along with Arafat, maybe someday Palestinians might turn toward democracy Meantime wbo knows? Westerners and Israelis devoted to Labor and Arafat have created a new passion and work-goal, the fall of the Netanyahu government.

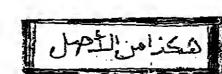
The hostile foreign reaction to the Likud was hardly unexpected. What has been surprising is the Likud's inability to present its own case forcefully and effectively abroad. Netanyahu's diplomatic repre-

sentation ranges from nonexistent to pallid. Netanyahu himself, famous as a powerful spokesman for a secure Israel, seems to be subduing his talents. Maybe he worries about being accused of provoking Arafat.

Israel can send the man roses and balva every day, but Sharansky says Arafat will act provoked as long as Israel dares msist on its security.

When Sharansky returns to Israel, Israeli scientists will immediately step up their most secret project - cloning Natan Sbaransky. They will make sure every new one is small, bald, endowed with courage and laughter, but no tie.

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# Disability Culture Watta Red Them Sherry Lampert, shown at a meeting of Disabled in Action in New York City, has cerebral palsy. Her family tried to hide her as a child.

By DOUGLAS MARTIN

RGUABLY, Mattel's introduction of a new pal for Barbie; "Share-a-Smile Becky," represents a new consciousness toward disabled people. The doll comes in a pink-andpurple wheelchair.

It might be a harder sell than the toy company thinks. "The name makes me want to gag," said Leslie Heller, who has cerebral palsy. Nadina La-Spina, who had polio, said, "It shows they can make money off of us."

"We'll see where it's marketed," said Deborah Yanagisawa, who is blind. "It will he in the hospital

The comments signify a new militant attitude among many of the disabled, sometimes including a willingness — even eagerness — to bite the hands that would feed them. After decades of fighting for access to everything from colleges to buses, a battle that culminated in 1990 with the passage of the landmark Americans with Disabilities Act, increasing numbers of people with disabilities are forcefully putting forward ideas that might startle many Americans.

Not only do they criticize the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial for omitting a wheelchair, they point out that the Braille is too high up and too large to read Far from applauding the customers in wheelchairs shown in television commercials, they grumble that there are no disabled sales clerks. They castigate Christopher Reeve for his campaign for a cure for spinal injury, saying it is unrealistic and offensive to people who have learned to live with their disabilities and indeed thrive on them. They demonstrate against giving doctors the right to

assist in suicide, calling that a slippery slope; they grimly point out that Hitler killed 200,000 disabled people before he got around to other groups.

Perhaps most surprising to conventional thinking is that many say they would reject being cured even if it were possible, explaining that they have a condition, not an illness. "I would not trade my disability for anything," Ms. LaSpina declared. Rather, she said, it is up to the world to adapt to her

#### For the newly militant, disabilities are something to celebrate and cure is a four-letter word.

oeeds, a process spurred by legislation and regulation and accelerated by technology - from power wheelchairs to voice-activated computers. "We will not change to fit the mold," she added.

"Instead, we will destroy the mold and change the world to make sure there is room for everyone."

Disability, of course, is in the eye of the beholder, and must be defined as continuous. A person who uses glasses - arguably "spectacle bound" (as in the hated phrase "wheelchair bound") - would not normally be included. The disabled are the only minority group anybody can join at any time. This said, the average number of Americans with physical disabilities is 49 million, including many within

the growing ranks of the elderly. Ms. LaSpina, who has a doctorate in Italian literature, teaches a course called "Disability Culture" at the New School for Social Research in New York City; Ms. Heller and Ms. Yanagisawa are two of her students. They are united in the conviction that a new culture has developed among the disabled, much like that of deaf people, who have long had their own language - and like that of homosex-

Hardly self-pitying, disability culture celebrates disability and finds expression in literature, poetry, dance and, most pointedly, in a slashingly dark humor. (An example: oon-disabled people are bowling pins because they are so easy for wheelchair riders to knock over.)

Poetry by Cheryl Marie Wade begins by saying she is "not one of the physically challenged." It continues: "I'm a sock in the eye with a gnarled fist, I'm a French kiss with a cleft tongue."

Disabilities are central to such visions. "We are proud of ourselves as people with disabilities," said Steven E. Brown, co-founder of the Institute on Disability Culture in Las Cruces, N.M. "We claim our disabilities with pride as part of our identity. We are who we are: we are people with disabilities."

The consciousness shift can be traced back to 1962 when Edward V. Roberts, who became a quadriplegic after contracting polio, was admitted to the University of California. He had to sue to do it, just as in the same semester James Meredith sued to become the first black person to gain admission to the University of Mississlppi Mr. Roberts, a quadriplegic who attended class using a respirator, was quickly joined by other disabled students, who

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### **Role Reversal**

### Switching Sides on States' Rights

By ADAM CLYMER

T'S hard to tell the states' righters from the big Government folks these days. It's eveo harder if you have a scorecard that lists party affiliations.

Not many years ago. Democrats were the chief advocates of a powerful central government, while Republicans defended state capitals against Washington. Now it is conservative Republicans who are saying that Washington knows best wheo it comes to curbing damage awards in state courts, or deciding which medical procedures states are competent to regulate. And it is Democrats who say the states know best about juvenile delinquency — though not about gun control.

The role reversal has opportunism at its root: the Republicans find that the Congress they control is much wiser in its appreciation of national needs than the Congress the Democrats controlled only three years ago. But there are also cultural reasons why it can flourish.

The traditional argument for deferring to state or local control was the sanctity of regional differences, in economics, in customs, in values. When the Republic was founded, the relative importance of trade and agriculture was very different in Massachusetts and Virginia; for that very reason, the two states had quite distinct approaches to issues ranging from bankruptcy law to the War of 1812.

The United States, though, is now a country where children wear the jerseys of athletes who play for teams 1,000 miles away, and where people vacation in different regions from year to year. Even though two out of three people live in the state where they were born, a figure not very different from that of 1940 or even 1850, the national economy and culture have overtaken regional ones. In much of the country, local pride is perbaps felt most strongly by politiclans, who stress their local roots.

As a result, said Don Kettl, a professor of political science at the University of Wisconsin, it is a stretch today to say that effective job training in Mississippi is different from that in Minnesota; the people in those states who administer training programs have similar college degrees, read similar oewspapers and watch nearly identical television.

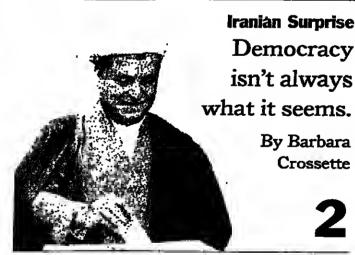
The best argument for states' rights now, Professor Kettl said, is efficiency and responsiveness. "We need a certain administrative discretion," he said. "You can't run everything from Washington." And those concerns were pre-eminent when a House education subcommittee took to the road last week to find out what people disliked about the Federal Government's role in

The touring representatives did oot hear complaints that Washington was destroying Kentucky's or Ohio's unique approaches to learning based on their particular traditions and circumstances. But they heard lots about excessive, costly paperwork that Washington keeps inventing to keep local educators overworked. (They also heard that sending more Federal money would be trice.)

Yet eveo if the political actors have switched roles, the words used in Congressional debates are familiar. Except for the party affiliation of the speakers, it could have been a 1960's debate over any new Federal program last month, and not a commentary on this year's juvenile delinqueocy bill, when Max Sandlin, a Texas

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**Cheers for Fears** Kids like scary things. Very scary things.

By Doreen Carvajal

### The World

## Democracies Love Peace, Don't They?

**WEEKLY REVIEW** 

By BARBARA CROSSETTE

VER since the American Revolution, Americans bave believed that democracies are the most enlightened form of government and, by their nature, should be friends and allies. The nation's biggest wars have been fought in defense of democracies or under the slogan of making the world safe for them. Even when Washington has joined forces with dictators like Stalin or corrupt regimes like that of South Vietnam, it has felt com-. pelled to recast their images to make them more acceptable partners.

"We are a revolutionary country with a revolutionary tradition," the sociologist Seymour Martin Lipset said. "We want everyone to be democrats."

Theo along came Mohammed Khatami. Iran's religious leaders had approved Mr. Khatami's candidacy for President, but he was not their favorite. Campaigning for some relaxation of restrictions on life under the Islamic fundamentalist regime, last month he won a startling victory with 69 percent of the vote.

Mr. Khatami had the enthusiastic support of young people and of women of all ages who appeared to believe that change was possible, that there was hope that a long night of Islamic repression might finally let In a little light. Nobody was calling Iran a democracy, but many political scientists agreed that a significant expression of popular opinion had been allowed to take place.

"A tremeodous energy has been released," said Mahnaz Afkhami, an Iranian exile in Washington who was a minister for womeo's affairs in the Government of Shah Mohammed Riza Pahlevi. "The people want freedom, they want participation. We now see that the society is not summarized by its Government, It is more complex than that,"

But at the State Department, the Iranian vote won no applause. After several days President Clinton was able to find some

room for hope in Mr. Khatami's election, but he quickly fell back to the policy outlined by a State Department spokesman, John Dinger, as the vote took place.

"Our analysis of the election and the new Government in Iran will be based on Iran's international behavior, first and foremost," Mr. Dinger said. "That involves its efforts to undermine the Middle East peace process. its efforts to develop weapons of mass destruction, and its state sponsorship of terrorism. That is the standard against which we will measure this Government. Full

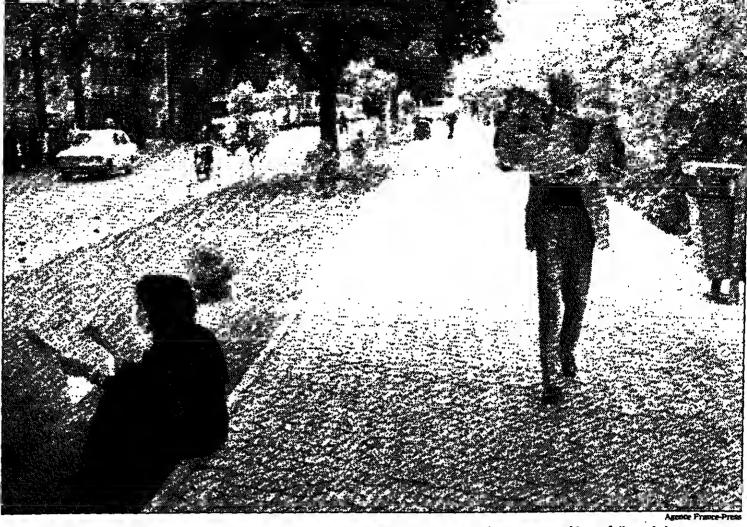
#### **Competing Concerns**

The Iranian election, a number of scholars say, is only the most recent in a growing oumber of cases that challenge American assumptions of what democracy is as it proliferates around the world. The United States can no longer assume that democracies are automatically friends. It will not be easy to use a nation's political system as the main criterion for better relations, when there are other issues, like security and

"Even people like me who believe that promoting democracy or human rights deserves a central place in U.S. foreign policy must acknowledge that it can't be the only issue," said Joshua Muravchik, a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington and author of "Exporting Democracy" (AEI Press, 1991). "After all, the bedrock of our policy is keeping the country safe. There will always be times when security interests pull one way and democracy interests pull another way.

"In the case of Iran," he said, "one of the paradoxes has been that Iran has throughout the period of the Islamic Republic been more democratic than a great many other regional states, including the states with whom we

have had quite friendly relations.' The obvious comparison is with Saudi Ara-



Mohammed Khatami won a startling popular victory in Iran's Presidential election. In Tehran, residents followed the returns.

#### A surprising election in Iran challenges the American world view.

bia, said Mr. Lipset, a professor of public policy at George Mason University. "You do get the problem that some countries that are definitely non-democratic, like Saudi Arabia, are better supporters of the United States," he said. "We have all sorts of trouble with Iran, and probably will have in the future, that we don't have with the Saudis.

"It's been argued," he added, "though I don't know that it's been documented, that democracies don't go to war with each other. If for no other reason, it might be useful to

have more democratic countries. But in the case of Iran, we have the question of Islamic hostility to the West."

At the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, Larry Diamond, a senior research fellow who is co-editor of The Journal of Democracy, said the confusion of dealing with new democracies and would-be democracies and demi-Democracies is compounded by the erosion of many democratic systems established since the end of colonialism and the collapse of the Soviet system.

Like Samuel Huntington and other scholars, he is concerned that partial democracies like those in Southeast Asia, in which limitations on democratic institutions are accepted, will become the standard.

"Political freedom has deteriorated in several of the longest-surviving democracles of the developing world, including Iodia, Sri Lanka, Colombia and Venezuela," Mr. Diamond wrote last year in The Journal of

Democracy.

The backsliding among relatively new democracles has heightened caution in Washington, dimming enthusiasm over political changes abroad that might have been cheered only a decade ago.

While more countries call themselves democracies, Mr. Diamond said, "It isn't enough to have elections." There must be independent political organizations, the rule of law, accountability for corruption, protection of civic rights and equality for women, among other measures, he said.

Thus the election of Mr. Khatami in Iran may prove to be heartening, as may the movement in China toward greater village democracy. "Democracy is oot something that is simply present or absent," Mr. Diamond said. "It's not like a light switch that you flip on or off. It emerges in different fragments in different sequences in different countries and In different historical periods."

#### Foul-Weather Friends



After Kistanje was attacked by the Croatian army in 1995, it became a Croat town.

### Ally in War, Burden in Peace

By CHRIS HEDGES

ZAGREA, Croatia URING the war in the former Yugoslavia, the United States developed a close alliance with Croatia in the battle to push back the Serbs in Bosnia. Now Croatia finds itself in a bitter dispute with its old patron.

Croatia's flagrant violations of the Dayton peace agreement, its intolerant nationalism and its refusal to permit a free and independent press were once dismissed in Washington as minor infractions, but now they are assailed as unacceptable.

Croatla may have won the war but it is quickly losing the peace.

President Franjo Tudjman has been warned to two meetings with American diplomats in the last week that because his Government has not honored the commitments it made in Dayton, he will not be allowed take control of the Serb-held enclave of Eastern Slavonia. oow administered by the United Nations, in July as scheduled. He has also been informed that if his Government pursues its current nationalist course it will be locked out of Western military and economic alliances,

What has changed? The political stance of President Tudiman, a former Communist general, remains consistent. But with the war over and Croatia no longer a useful counterweight to Serbian aggression, the Clinton Administration is oo longer willing to overlook the unsavory character of the Croatian Government.

The White House cut a Faustian deal with Croatia during the war. With Sarajevo under siege, the United States needed Croatia to serve as a conduit for tons of clandestine shipments of I ranian arms and munitions to the Muslim-led forces in Bosnia. Retired American officers were brought in to train Croatian units. The trouble was that those American-trained units not only seized two Serb-held enclaves in May and August of 1995 and helped the Muslims launch a successful offensive against the Bosnian Serbs at the end of the war, but they drove a quarter of a million ethnic Serbs from the

President Clinton's decision to forge an alliance with Croatia led Washington to repeatedly downplay the Tudiman Government's ethnic cleansing campaigns. which pushed 500,000 of 600,000 ethnic Serbs out of the country. It meant that when the Bosnian Croats, who

take their orders from Zagreb, refused to cooperate with the American-brokered Croat-Muslim federation established in 1994 in Bosnia, Washington did not say much. And wheo Zagreb brazenly issued passports to Bosnian Croats, let them vote in Croatian elections and drove Muslim families from the Croat-held area in Bosnia, there was again little outcry from Washington.

"During that period all sorts of signals were sent to Zagreb that the process of cohesion between Zagreb and Washington was a deep, historical line that was irreversible," said Ivo Banac, a history professor at Yale University and a specialist on the Balkans.

Now, though, Croatia's usefulness has diminished. And Washingtoo has found itself with an ally that espouses a nationalist ideology as distasteful as the one proffered by the Serbs. Furthermore, Washington has found it impossible, given the obstruction from Zagreb and Belgrade, to carry out the lofty goals of the Dayton agreement: to rebuild a multi-ethnic society, arrest indicted war criminals and establish democratic rule.

The Croatians don't know what has hit them. And President Tudiman, who has informed American diplomats that most Serbs will not be permitted to return. seems to think that eventually the world will accept the fact that the region has been divided into ethnic enclaves and that the Dayton peace plan has failed.

Europe and Washingtoo, though, still think they can make the Dayton plan work. They may be wrong.

At the start of the conflict in Bosnia, the Western allies failed to understand that Yugoslavia could not be stuck back together, so they never fostered the democratic processes or parties that could have built liberal and open states. Instead, they hastily recognized ethnic leaderships whose main goal was not to build democra-

cles but to purge minorities from their midst. Now the Western alliance is giving Croatia a choice: either become part of the European community by honoring the commitments made in Dayton or forego any economic assistance and trade relationships with

the rest of Europe. From Zagreb's point of view, the choice is far from clear. This, after all, is not simply a call to honor commitments made at Dayton. It is a call to renounce the nationalist ideology that informs the nation's identity. What Washington demands is oothing short of a metamorphosis of the nationalist state. Right now Croatia, like Serbia, appears more willing to risk isolation than to destroy what it views as its most glorious achievement: the creation of an ethnically pure state.

#### .Marshall's Grand Plan

### Foreign Aid, 50 Years Later, Never Looked So Good

By STEVEN ERLANGER

WASHINGTON RESIDENT CLINTON was in Europe last week in grandiloquent gear, celebrating the nobility, creativity and sacrifice of the generation of American leaders who carried out the Marshall Plan and helped to rebuild Western

Ever since George C. Marshall proposed the plan 50 years ago, Presidents bave invoked it whenever they want to feel good about themselves. Even as historians scrutinize the aid program's role in the Cold War division of Europe, it stands as one of America's finest moments of global leadership and enlighteoed self-interest, and carries a powerful sentimental appeal that Americans are still capable of grand and unselfish acts. With arching rhetoric, Mr. Clinton summoned its spirit to sell a significantly lesser project, the expansion of NATO.

The historical parallels were shaky, the stakes far less dramatic. Europe is prosperous instead of prostrate, and the Soviet bear is no longer on the march. And as Mr. Clioton spoke of NATO's expansion as crucial to completing "the noble journey that Marshall's generation began," his own proposal was proof

that the era of American generosity was long over. For Mr. Clinton brought no mooey, just an exhortation to the Europeans and to private investors to rebuild central and eastern Europe, along with a pledge that "America stands with you." In this he followed the new American model in foday's lessthreatening world: talk about leadership, but get somebody else to pay the bill

#### Instead of Billions, a Pledge

"Churchillian rhetoric lacks credibility here," said Richard N. Haass, director of foreign policy studies at the Brookings Institution. "In today's world, neither Europe nor NATO is as central. NATO enlargement is being oversold and can't form the centerpiece of a postcontainment foreign policy.

"Mr. Clinton is wrong to try to base a foreign policy legacy on this," he continued "It isn't big enough. It's not important enough for Europe or for the world. It isn't the Marshall Plan."

During the four years of the Marshall Plan, from 1948 through 1951, the United States provided \$13 billion in grants and loans (about \$88 billion in today's dollars). That was 1.2 percent of the nation's total economic output at the time; that percentage today, over four years, would total \$320 billion. As important, America opened its markets to European goods and encouraged

Europeans to act together for their collective benefit. The man whom Mr. Clinton celebrates, Mr. Marshall, was known for his humility and the flatness of his delivery, even in the Harvard commencement speech in which 50 years ago this week be introduced the idea of a European Recovery Plan. His ringing beginning? "I need not tell you gentlemen that the world situation is very serious."

Mr. Marshall had unquestioned credibility for his crucial efforts to win World War II, along with his whole generation of American leaders. Mr. Clinton, by contrast, came into office having avoided his generation's war and thinking he could conceotrate on domestic policy, having been handed the gift of a collapsed Soviet Union and a vanished cold war.

While the Marshall Plan was a creative response to a pressing challenge, the expansion of NATO, Mr. Haass said, is simply one possible response to a post-Soviet Europe that is not in turmoil or crisis.

"The Marshall Plan could be sold on its merits, while the best argument for going ahead with NATO entargement now is that not going be worse," Mr. Haass said.

Charles William Maynes, president of the Eurasia Foundation and a former editor of Foreign Policy magazine, criticized Mr. Clinton for not offering enough. In today's climate, a buge program of foreign aid would be hooted down in the United States, he said, but Mr. Clinton could emulate the Marshall Plan by doing more to opeo American markets to goods from central and eastern Europe, Russia and Ukraine.

Nor is the President's appeal to global capital and private investment to meet Europe's needs sufficient, Mr. Maynes said. Money flows to Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic on their merits, but it will not flow to the countries that most need help, like Ukraine or Albania, without significant incentives. Mr. Clinton could also try to push these former Communist countries to work together, as the Marshall Plan did, rather than compete against one another for NATO membership and investment.

In the meantime, despite American urging that the European Union expand rapidly eastward, the challenges that its members face in making structural economic changes and reducing deficits in order to qualify for the single European currency mean there is little enthusiasm for a costly expansion of the union, let alone the smaller bill for a larger NATO.

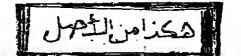
Both Mr. Maynes and Mr. Haass pointed to the irony that while Mr. Clinton is promoting NATO, he is less than ringing about the American commitment to keep troops in Bosnia, which is NATO's most visible project in the post-Soviet era. Talk about stabilizing Europe through the arguably unnecessary initiative of expanding NATO could ring hollow if Washington walks away while European stability is unraveling again in Bosnia. "That's where the cynicism will come in," Mr.

Peter W. Rodman, director of national security programs at the Nixon Center and a strong supporter of NATO expansion, is kinder to Mr. Clinton. "I'used to be a speech writer, so I give them some license," he said. 'Anyway, NATO enlargement bears some comparison to the Marshall period. It is the necessary consolidation of the 1989 revolution and makes it irreversible. It means the Yalta settlement is no more.

'These countries are independent and choose to be associated with the civilization of Europe and the West," he said. "To me, this is an act of creation."



Happy birthday, dear Marshall Plan. Mr. Clinton at a Dutch party for the foreign-aid program:



### The Nation

# America's Jaded Eye On Sex in Public Life

By FRANCS X. CLINES

WASHINGTON HE moment suely was one for the ages: A television correspondent stood solemnly, the White House in he background, and speculated on the possibity that the President of the United States might ome day have to submit to a genital examination nw that the Supreme Court had allowed a civil lawsuito go forward charging him with crude and lustful behavior.

Here was non-talioid network news alluding to the private parts of the Commander in Chief. A stunned viewer might have windered where was the long-promised V-chip? Whatver happened to the Puritanical scrim once thought o filter out the seamier details from the drama of American political life?

#### 0! Ye Puritans

If nothing else, it may be time to consider updating de Tocqueville, wio firmly concluded 150 years ago, when the formative Arierican soul defined the land: "Although the travelers wib have visited North America differ on many points, they all agree in remarking that morals are far more strictthere than elsewhere."

If de Tocqleville needs revising, it may be in degree more than as in absolute. The New World is not yet at that Gallic point reached after the death of President François Miterrand last year, when a state funeral featured a vife and mistress in the same sharing of official grief And yet, last week the nation brushed aside President Cinton's mission of global statecraft for the greater new that Paula Jones is to have her day in court sooner rather than later.

In its manimous ruling, the Court found that, notwithstanding "the high respect that is owed to the office of the Chief Executive," Mr. Clinton could not delay Ms. Jones's secual harassment suit until after his incumbency. The Curt found no Constitutional support for Presidential immunity for alleged unofficial misconduct in the case, in which Mr. Clinton is accused of a vulgar propositioning of Ms. Jones in 1991, while he was Governor of Arkansasand she was a state employee.

The lourt ruled strictly on the civil rights issue of the suit, not its titillation value, which seemed considerable as acascade of jokes soon flooded the nation about the "9-zi decision" and other snickering notions. The only impediate political fallout was that one of Ms. Jones's awyers, Gilbert K. Davis, topped off his 15 minutes if fame as he headed into this month's Republican gubernatorial primary in Virginia. But privately, a discouraged Administration worker conceded the fear that the ruling will likely "sap everything else the President does" at the White House.

"It's like a low-grade fever," said Michael Beschloss, the historian who closely watches the modern White House. "It's true all the ru-mors of Gennifer Flowers and Paula Jones didn't keep Clinton from re-election, but I think they really do depress the amount of popularity and respect he deserves for his achievements." Plain respect, the historian emphasized, is

in his two elections as President. Polling data make the President's situation seem paradoxical. While he was twice elected even as allegations and rumors of his philandering became politically commonplace, the public's measure of marital morality has been toughening. In 1973, 69.6 percent of adults said sex with someone other than one's spouse was "always wrong." Twenty-one years later, the same question drew stronger disapproval, 78.5 percent, according to the National Opinion Research Center.

quite a different value than the rela-

tive popularity Mr. Clinton enjoyed

"If this court ruling had come a year ago, we could have been swamped," said one Clinton adviser about the re-election campaign. With the Court's hlessing to proceed, he noted, the charges might bave fully ignited the character issue that fizzled in the hands of the

Dole campaign. This Clinton man made a sharp distinction between the public's appetite for titillation and the tolerances of its moral code. Modern America certainly seems more willing to be steeped in and even laugh out loud at the lewd details of political sex scandals, but that should not necessarily he construed as an easing of the Puritanical tradition that can so suddenly punish American public figures for private behavior.

Mr. Clinton himself recognized the need to deal with the public's more open curiosity about the subject in 1992 when he and his wife artfully sought to pre-empt campaign controversy on the philandering issue in a careful television interview. They presented themselves as an empathetic couple working together on their problems. Their approach seemed rooted in the hard lesson of Gary Hart, who bad brazenly dared reporters in 1988 to document rumors of his marital infidelity. His stratagem only compounded the public's grand chortling at his "Monkey Business" demise.

If anything, the plethora of sex stories in public life



WASHINGTON Paula Jones and her husband, Steve, right, wait with Daniel Traylor, a lawyer, before a 1994 news conference.



FRANCE In 1996, President François Mitterrand's funeral brought together his widow. Danielle, left, and his mistress, Anne Pingeot, fourth from the left, and their daughter, Mazarine Pingeot.



Democratic Presidential nomination, fell from public grace when he was photographed with Donna Rice.

 from Senator Bob Packwood's serial gropings to Lieut. Kelly Flinn's Scarlet-A resignation from the Air Force bave only beightened the need of politicians to identify the critical distinctions that the American public seems to be making. In the case of Mr. Packwood, Senate colleagues hung in fraternally but finally shunned him as constituents registered outrage at his gross behavior. But in the case of Lieutenant Flinn, the first female B-52 pilot, no less an astute politician than the Senate Republican Leader, Trent Lott, made a point of complaining that the Air Force seemed to be indulging a double standard in eoding a female officer's career because of adultery. "Where's the guy who's involved in this deal?" he asked, echoing the question of women who vote, among others.

#### Oh, Gender Politics

It was such an acute observation in touching the core of gender politics that spin-crazed reporters instantly were asking the Senator whether it was offered on the suggestion of Dick Morris, the wily occasional adviser to the Senator and the President, now fallen from grace in the modern political melodrama because of his toe fetishism with a prostitute. Mr. Lott said, of course not, claiming credit for common sense.

Trying to track sex as a public issue in modern America is like "watching two curves crashing against each other," in the view of the historical novelist Thomas Mallon. "There is a new Puritanism of sorts, with people terribly afraid to make passes and grope the way they did 30 years ago. Against that, there is the other curve of people being much more willing to admit things go on that we always knew were going on but pretended not to know. There's a low-level hysteria in the culture as these two things clash.'

Caught in the grind, the President and his lawyers, like everyone else, are trying to survive. The nation may be inching toward the European tradition on sex and politics, one Clintoo adviser estimated, "but we're not ready for Mitterrand's funeral."

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### In Kids' Pop Culture, Fear Rules

By DOREEN CARVAJAL

Her laugh turned to a moan at the first ripple in her bones. She tensed her thighs and addomen to will the change on, and clutched the night air like a lover as her fingers lengthened and her nails sprouted. Her blood churned with heat like desire. The

night, she thought, sweet night. - Jacket blurb for "Blood and Chocolate" by Annette Kurtis Klause, a werewolf novel for 13-year-olds.

OY meets she wolf. Shewolf falls for meat (boy). And parents and educators wonder where, oh where, have Nancy Drew and the Hardy Boys gone? Terror is stalking children's popular culture.

It lurks in the pages of glossy paperbacks, where bodies dangle from nooses like "heavy ripe fruit" and teens suffer from really serious skin problems, involving ripping, clawing and puddles of hlood.

It glows in darkened living rooms where, according to the Nielsen TV ratings, on typical nights more than 1.3 million children below age 11 are watching "The X-Files," the hit occult detective series, and 600,000 wait

eagerly for "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" to skewer a throbbing heart.

And last week across the country, in entire multiplexes devoted solely to screenmgs of the phenomenal blockbuster "The Lost World," It gripped millions of pre-teens in an orgy of primordial mayhem: for starters, the film offered up a plcnicking girl as a snack for baby dinosaurs, and raced on to show a frightened innocent performing the gymnastics routine of ber young lifetime to escape rampaging velociraptors.

Kids have long enjoyed having the bejeezus scared out of them, but never before have the movie, TV and publishing industries seemed so adept and sophisticated in. indulging their dark fascinations. A range of educators and childhood experts cite deadon production values and marketing savvy as key factors behind a slew of books, TV programs and films that are grittier, scarier, edgier and more violent than ever before. At the same time, they say, it also appears that the audience for kiddy borror is getting younger and younger.

#### **Younger Targets**

"The opportunities to find scary things are increasing." said Joanne Cantor, a communications professor at the University of Wisconsin in Madison who has studied children's

reactions to frightening TV shows and movies for 15 years. With cable TV. she notes. there are more chances for children to happen upon frightening programs. And, she added, even movies marketed as family fare are ratcheting up the terror level.

Referring to the picnic-idyll-turned-nightmare opening of "The Lost World," she said: "My research shows that one of the scariest things for a young child is when a child is a victim. And yet these programs are marketed to the entire family, and kids are begging to get in." The film is rated PG-13, which amounts to a signal to boundary-testing pre-

Scared stiff: "Lost World" museum exhibit in New York.

#### In movies, on TV and in books, children embrace the dark side.

teens that this movie is for them. In publishing, the youth reading market is dominated by the scores of works by R. L. Stine - both his "Goosebumps" series, published by Scholastic Books, and his "Fear

Street" novels for older, "young adult" read-

ers, published by Pocket Books. Marilyn Payne Phillips of the University City Library in Missouri says the surfeit of Stine titles leads to younger kids reading inappropriate material. "I have third- and fourth-graders who want to read the books, and they can't distinguish between R.L. Stine writing for children and R.L. Stine writing for young adults," she said. "That's the scary thing to me as a children's librarian." The shelves are also full of Mr. Stine's imitators, and scary spinoffs capitalizing on popular television programs like 'The X-Files" and "Tales From the Crypt."

Alice Joinaitis, an editor at Random House of books for young readers, suggests that a form of horror inflation is at play in the visual and print media, explaining that "the world is a more sensational place.

"I don't know how to say this without making it sound terrible," she said, "but we just try to make books as interesting as television, books that are interesting and exciting to read - and not artifacts of some old, duddy age."

And publishing executives note that, in giving kids what they want, the scary fare is at least enticing reluctant readers to crack open books. But such defenses - finding justification in the demands of the youth

marketplace - don't wash with some parents, who have led scattered and largely unsuccessful efforts to ban Mr. Stine's books from schools and libraries. Experts on child behavior are wor-

"I see more and more kids with nightmares in psychotherapy," said Mary Pipher, the author of "Reviving Ophelia: Saving the Selves of Adolescent Ciris." Three-year-olds and 5-year-olds are watching shows like 'The X-Files,' and they're just not ready for the material." In her research on fright, Pro-

fessor Cantor noted many reports of children driven into their parents' beds by frightening TV programs. She said one mother complained after her 7-year-old son watched an "X-Files" featuring "a man who had a sore on his stomach that

was actually his twin brother who would growl during the day and kill at night." "The boy woke up in a fit and for a week insisted on sleeping with his parents," Ms. Cantor said.

It is a commonplace of the publishing industry that young boys are the most voracious consumers of fright fiction, but librarians and some publishing executives say girls are actually their chief readers.

"We debate that," said Nancy Pines, a publisher for young readers at Pocket Books. "But we see fan mail for our 'Fear Street' series mostly from girls. I think boys do read them, but if I had to venture a guess I would say it's 60 to 40 for girls."

Some librarians worry about the impact on girls, who are often featured as victims of violence. There are also female characters who can dish out violence as well as take it the high-school heroine of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," for example. Are TV portrayals of feminine aprirudes for violence a good thing? A bad thing? Both?

Ms. Pipher advises parents to form small co-operatives to share information about books, films and television programs appropriate for their children. "My grandmother used to tell me to choose your books like your

own friends," she said. Grandma never had friends like these.

#### Welcome to Berkeley

### Professor Knowledge Is Not an Oxymoron

By JAMES STERNGOLD

HE creation of a professorship is usually not a subject of great intellectual debate, but when the trendy University of California at Berkeley recently announced the endowment of a new chair, many academics paused to ponder what post-industrial society was coming to. With a \$1 million grant from the Xerox Corporation and its Japanese affiliate, Berkeley created a Distinguished Professor of Knowledge at its business school.

Never mind that some professors, particularly professors of philosophy, could not understand what a professor of knowledge knows, or teaches.

'The idea is certainly a little bizarre, ambiguous," said Murat Aydede, an expert in the theory of knowledge at the University of Chicago's philosophy department. "What does this mean? Does it mean inquiry into the question of what is knowledge for these businessmen, or does

he have some knowledge?" Fred Dretske, chairman of Stanford University's philosophy department and author of "Knowledge and the Flow of Information" (M.I.T. Press, 1981), said: "I couldn't understand what he could be a professor of. I was sort of baffled by what kind of truth it Involves."

Many people at Berkeley were quick to call the first occupant of the new chair, Ikujiro Nonaka, a Japanese management expert, Dr. Know.

But others pressed on to ask what would such a chair be doing at the business school, an institution dedicated to profits, after all, not wisdom or understanding.

"Oo one level certainly you can say a professor of knowledge is sort of a non sequitur because all professors are supposed to be professors of knowledge of one kind or another," said Neil Smelser, a sociologist who is a director at the Center for Advanced Study in Palo Alto. "And this chair looks like it should be in the school of Arts and Sciences. But it does say something interesting that that is thought of as a husiness subject."

Many academics saw the chair as a statement on how business schools are groping to enhance their role in an economy thriving less and less on the production of things and more on the production of ideas. Academic literature is filled with buzzwords like knowledge-based workers and intellectual capital. There are centers for the study of innovation and entrepreneurship, though many experts say it is almost impossible to teach it.

"Behind this is the recognition that the wealth of nations comes from utilization of



Ikujiro Nonaka, knowledge professor.

#### Epistemology comes to the business school.

technical know-how, not capital," said David Teece, a business professor at Berkeley and a pioneer in analyzing what he has called "the market for know-how."

Mr. Nonaka, a graduate of the Berkeley school of business, is famous for a book he co-wrote, "The Knowledge-Creating Company: How Japanese Companies Create the Dynamics of Innovation" (Oxford University Press, 1995). He is expected to teach how corporations can best create and then use innovative ideas.

In short, the traditional language of dollars and cents has been replaced with a more abstract language that struggles to explain a real brain teaser: What does gainful employment amount to in an economy that places such puzzling values oo abstractions, and less value on workers, who have become so casually expendable.

"The idea of a knowledge-based society, I don't really understand what that can mean," said Bruce Vermazen, chairman of Berkeley's philosophy department. "It makes me a little frightened about the future. I liked it better wheo we made steel. Knowledge seems like kind of a shaky industry."

### **Ideas & Trends**

### War of Spin Makes The Pentagon Reel

By PHILIP SHENON

HE Defense Department may have the largest public-relations operation in the Federal Government, with thousands of people around the globe whose only job is to tell the military's story. But at least since the Vietnam War, the Pentagon has seemed to lurch from one public relations disaster to the next, from \$400 toilet seats to Tallhook.

There have been recent additions to the roster of scandals that have tarred the military, most notably the case of First Lieut. Kelly Flinn, the bomber pilot accused of adultery whose lawyers encouraged the perception that she was being destroyed by the Air Force simply because she bad fallen hard for a married man.

Was this a public-relations war that the Pentagon had to lose? Although it was little known outside the Defense Department at the time, many female officers felt the Air Force was right to prosecute Lieutenant Flinn, and they were urging the Pentagon to become much more aggressive in defending Itself.

The adultery charges, they said, were secondary to other, far more serious crimes that Lieuteoant Flinn had also confessed to: lying to a superior officer and disobeying an order.

The spin experts of the business world — public relations and advertising executives - have long wondered why the Pentagon has so much trouble explaining and defending itself.

"If Kelly Flinn should have taught the Pentagon anything - and this is a lesson that corporate America knows well - it's that it's important to define a crisis early on in your own terms," said Steven Fink of Lexicon Communications, a Los Angeles company specializing in so-called crisis communication. "The military allowed the message to get away from them."

#### **Perception Matters**

The Pentagon faces a public-relations challenge unmatched in the Government, for it must answer for the round-the-clock activities of almost 1.4 million uniformed troops, many of them socially immature men and women the keys to multi-billion-dollar weapons systems.

Given its warrior culture, the military is an institution that is especially loath to explain itself. The tendency to hold back information was only strengthened as a result of the Persian Gulf conflict, when the Pentagon for the first time succeeded in tightly restricting the movements of journalists in a war.

While the military sometimes seems to worry little about how it is perceived by the public, the perception does matter, especially when it comes to recrulting a new generation of troops.

The Army announced this year that it had begun accepting more recruits who had out finished high school. Recruiters said they had difficulty persuading high school graduates to sign up because of the bad publicity created by sexual harassment cases in the Army and because of the furor caused by the belated disclosure last year that many troops may have been exposed to nerve gas in the Persian Gulf.

Bill Westbrook, president of Fallon McElligott, the Minneapolis advertising agency responsible for a new ad campaign for United Airlines, in which the airline candidly admits

that air travel can be a nightmare, said the Pentagon needs a similar strategy. The Pentagoo, he said, should be far more willing to

admit its mistakes publicly - and apologize. "f'd rely on candor," he said, "The American people have a huge canacity to forgive mistakes, but they have a very short fuse when it comes to being lied to."

The fuse could not have been much shorter last year when the Pentagon acknowledged not only that American



Public-relations problem: Army officials talk about sex scandals with Congresswomen on the Hill: Eleanor Holme: Norton, the District of Columbia's delegate to Congress; Patsy Mink, Democrat of Hawaii, and Susan Molinari, Republican of New York.

troops may have been exposed to Iraql nerve gas, but that evidence suggesting they had been exposed had been hidden in Government files for years. Veterans groups and some members of Congress yelled cover-up.

The Pentagon turned to outside help, quietly hiring Guy Smith IV, a public-relations executive who had once served as the chief spokesman for Philip Morris, the cigarette giant, for 15 years.

His advice: Admit your mistakes quickly and explain what you're doing to resolve them. His contract was ended after reporters learned of his hiring, but his words were heeded. The Pentagon has gone on a public-relations offensive, with officials traveling the country to explain to veterans of the Persian Gulf confict that the Government is spending millions on research into their health problems. The result: veterans groups and members of Congress have muted their criticism of the Defense Department.

"Finally they're on the right track," sait Phil Budahn, chief spokesman for the American Legin. But, he added, "the sad thing is that this may not be emugh, and

### Biting Hands That Deign to Feed



Disabled people demonstrated in March over access to Radio City Music Hall.

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called themselves "the Rolling Quads." Mr. Roberts went on to set up a center at Berkeley to enable students, and then the larger community in the Bay Area, to belp the disabled find homes, jobs and services. He died in 1995. His example led to 300 such centers being established around the United States. These Federally financed centers have been pivotal in allowing more disabled people to participate in life.



Many come together in groups like Disabled in Action, which has fought for elevators in subway stations and against telethons to aid the disabled, which it regards as hopelessly paternalistic. The Disabled in Action Singers perform such numbers as "Let the Children Stare" to convey the message that no good - certainly not politeness — is served by ignoring disabilities. For the disabled themselves, the new advocacy associations allow mutual affirmation

"When I was growing up, I was terrified of walking into a room of people with disabilities and admit I was one of them," Ms. Heller said. "Now I just love being in a community of people with disabilities."

to replace individual denial.

It is not always easy. Many disabled people still don't get around much, and those who do often move slowly. Some are tired, physically and emotionally. But many say it is worth it because of the qualities they share. Carol Gill, a psychologist who was one of the first to use the term disability culture and who is a quadriplegic, says the disabled share a number of core values: tolerance for others' differences, highly developed skills at managing multiple problems and dark humor, among others.

Most important, said Ms. Gill, "Even if we have a minor disability, we're still different - because society won't let us forget that

For some disabled people, these differences are the opposite of off-putting. "I came to see disabled people as beautiful," said Danny Robert, who has multiple sclerosis. "Particularly people on respirators,

#### 'I came to see disabled people as beautiful. ... People who spasm a lot, people who drool.'

people in wheelchairs, people who spasm a lot, people who drool."

Mr. Robert, formerly a movie prop man, became a disabled-rights activist. "Once I stopped being what I had been, I needed to be part of a community," he said. "I love these people."

Sherry Lampert pretty much summarizes the changing, broadening horizons of the disabled. She is 49 years old and lives on the ground floor of a Coney Island housing project. She has cerebral palsy and needs round-the-clock attendants. As a teen-ager, her sister demanded that she hide in the back room when dates visited. Though her intelligence is sharp, her parents put her in a hospital ward for the retarded, and she tried to kill herself at 16. "I felt like I wasn't part of the human race," she said.

These days, Ms. Lampert has become a fervent participant in demonstrations against allowing assisted suicide. A bumper sticker on her wheelchair reads: "Not Dead Yet." Her views on Mr. Reeve are succinct: "I feel sorry for him because he wants to be

### Switching Sides On States' Rights

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Democrat, said: "Who knows best how to handle these problems? Who knows best how to handle things in Texas, in New York, in California, in Mississippi, in Iowa, in Illinois, in Massachusetts? Let us let local teachers, local preachers, local parents, local frieods handle local problems

in our states." He was answered by Republicans, who made traditional arguments that an overwhelming national problem required a bold solution - as Democrats used to say In explaining why Washington needed to step in when the states wereo't getting the job done. One veteran Republican, Bill McCollum of Florida, acknowledged, "We want these states to correct a broken juvenile justice system."

#### **Debating Points**

Much of the explanation for this reversal of roles is simply political advantage. Representative Barney Frank, a Democrat from Massachusetts, said that "99.9 percent of Congress clearly prefer that the issue be decided at that level of government which will decide the issue the way

His frequent debating foe, Representative Henry J. Hyde, the Illinois Republican and the House's leading foe of abortion, does not really disagree. The civil justice system - which Republicans want changed to limit damage awards - may not be a traditional Federal responsibility. he said, but neither was family leave - a Democratic issue. States' rights, he said is kind of a debating point. On a scale of 10, it's about a two. You got to do what you got to do."

Such admissions appall conservative theorists like Roger Pilon, director of the Center for Constitutional Studies at the Cato Institute. "There is a great deal of flip-flop here," he said, as many conservatives in Congress share liberals' "great distrust of the states."

Where Democrats want the Federal Government to handle social welfare, Republicans want it to deal with crime, he said; and both sides are wrong.

#### Defending the P.T.A.

Liberals like Mr. Frank seem less embarrassed to be arguing for the states than conservatives are at arguing for Washington, Perhaps that is because Democrats usually were arguing pragmatically, rather than for central government as a goal in

In 1965, when the first major Federal bill to aid education was enacted, Representative Howard W. Smith, a very conservative Virginian, argued, "There is oothing dearer to the American home than the neighborhood school, where you have your P.T.A. and your different organizations and all take a vital interest in the school and have some control of it."

The other side didn't answer Mr. Smith directly. Instead, Representative Carl Perkins of Kentucky simply declared, "The education needs of the United States will be met only when the Federal Government accepts its responsibility to provide a great share of the cost of public education.'

Today, liberals like Todd Gitlin, professor at New York University, contind that "the argument for local difference was always disingenuous"; states' righs was a Southern device for preserving radal seg-

Obviously, race was at the center of the nation's greatest regional conflict, the Civil War. But, Mr. Gitlin acknowledged, the South also had decades of resentment of Eastern bankers and of Federal tariffs that helped manufacturing states lut not agricultural ones. Today, a similai reaction is that of Westerners who think Eastern environmentalists want them to tarve so they can vacation in mountains unscarred by logging, mining and graing.

#### A Logical Division of Labor

Arguments against establishing national standards in education are also mounted defensively, rather than to preserve some abstract New Hampshire-ness," Mr. Gitlin

"They are afraid of the onslaught of secular bumanism, or pointy-headed bureaucrats," he said.

Some political scientists argue that various duties fall logically to the Federal Government; leaving welfare spending to the states, for example, could induce "a race to the bottom" as all states try to

Opportunism is part of the ideological rolereversal. But changes in-the national culture also play a role.

avoid attracting the poor.

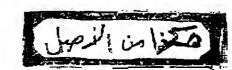
On the other hand, according to this school, decisions regarding economic development and many public services should fall naturally to states and local-

Mr. Pilon is no such accommodationist. He argues that relying on government to deal with problems, rather than leaving them to individuals, should be undertaken only if one has to, and then only at the lowest level possible, on the theory that the people who are closest to the problem are best able to handle it."

He finds hardly any of the expansions of national authority in recent decades - except for the 1964 Voting Rights Act -

But times change. If the ideological alliances behind states' rights or centralism are now muddled, it is worth remembering that they have changed before.

Indeed, when these controversies began in the 1790's as the reach of the Federal Government was being defined, it was Jefferson's party (then called Republican but the ancestor of today's Democrats) that wanted more power vested in the atates. It was the Federalists and the commercial interests who sought a powerful oational Government



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ECONOMY

# Of All That He Sells, Branson Sells Himself Best

By GERALDINE FABRIKANT

WEST WITTERING, England a recent blustery Saturday, a scruffy-looking Englishman and a small group of guests climbed aboard two giant hot-air baljoons in the southern English counryside. As the winds pushed the balopas above fields of muted green, host waved from the gondola to rongs of spectators below.

An hour later, the balloons touched own with a thud near an old gravepard. The balloonist stepped out - to e mobbed by children pleading for autographs.

A rock star? A sports bero? No, it was Richard Branson, the billionaire owner of Virgin Adantic Airways and one of the few entrepreneurs in the world famous enough to leave crowds gaping. And Mr. Branson, who stuttered from shyness as a foung man, gloried in the adulation. In a nation that disdains ostentation and prides itself on its stiffapper-lip reserve, Mr. Branson is an mornaly. The 46-year-old high-school dropout is practically a one-man publicity circus, embarking on headline-grabbing ballooo trips, hamming it up in wedding dresses and other costumes, and emblazoning the Virgin came on everything from planes and trains to blue jeans and lipstick to promote his businesses.

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And far from disapproving, his fellow Britons love him for his grandstanding. When the BBC Radio asked 1,200 people who they thought would be most qualified to rewrite the Ten Commandments, Mr. Branson came in fourth, after Mother Teresa, the Pope and the Archbishop of Canter-

What the public rarely glimpses underneath all the bonhomie is a man who watches every penny. Even his famous balloon trips are paid for mostly by others. And he knows how to turn failure to his advantage, gaining invaluable publicity, for example, even when the balloon that is supposed to carry him around the globe crashes ingloriously in some remote desert.

Clearly, Mr. Branson has found the right mix of bravura and boyish effusiveness to charm his way into British hearts. Now, he is using his hardwon celebrity to cajole his way into their investment portfolios. Two years ago, he began an index fund intended to track the Financial Times All-Share Index of about 900 stocks. Indexing, a money-management approach that eliminates the need for stock picking and reduces management costs, appealed to the miser in him

Though similar index funds were already oo the market, "the existing funds were not properly promoted," he sald in an interview at his sister's home here, on the southern English

coast. He was convinced that the fees and sales charges of the existing funds were too high and that the Virgin name would attract a new group of investors.

"I thought I could set up a business and bring other people into an area they did not know anything about," said Mr. Branson, ever the marketer.

And so he has. Small investors, in particular, have been drawn to his no-load financial company, called Virgin Direct, which handled \$1.3 billion in two funds at last count. Modest even in the British market, Virgin Direct would be dwarfed by the Vanguard Index 500 fund, which has more than \$30 billion in assets and has been the fastest-growing fund in the United States.

Except for relatively small personal investments in the index funds, Mr. Branson says, he avoids the stock market because he thinks he can do better plowing his own money back into his own Virgin empire. which now counts more than 200 companies with annual sales of about \$2.5 billion, according to The Sunday Times of London

For the most part, Mr. Branson sidesteps questions about his fioances, citing a desire for privacy. Aithough he doesn't bave a conventional investment portfolio, be may not need one, since 99 percent of his wealth is tied up in his companies.

After selling one of his most prized possessions, Virgin Records, to Thorn EMI for \$1 billion in 1992, Mr. Bransoo placed a chunk of the proceeds with money managers, but quickly became dissatisfied with the results and the befty fees.

"If you can give me a list of people who have outperformed the stock market over 20 years, obviously I will consider them," he said. "On paper, it actually looks like they have done well. But then you take their charges into account. They will oever mention there is a big spread off the top that takes 5 percent straight away. There is a management fee that they charge every time they buy and sell the shares, and they can buy and sell them as many times as they want through the year, and so on and

0, with Ron Gormley, a former leveraged-buyout specialist, Mr. Bransoo started the Virgin U.K. Index Tracking fund in May 1995 and put \$15 million of his own money into it. Britons have followed his lead, making the fund the secondbiggest index-style fund in Britain. But are they embracing its lack of sales commissions, or flocking to Mr. Branson, who promoted the direct-sales company by appearing in television commercials?

Notably, Virgin Direct is farming out the money management to experts. What it is doing is marketing and selling.

The 1984 start-up of Virgin Atlantic followed a similar approach. Mr. Branson began the airline out of exasperation with the boredom of traveling and with a conviction that be could compete by offering to entertain passengers. "If I am invited for the weekend, I don't want to sit facing a blank wall for 10 bours and have a bit of chicken dumped in my lan," Mr. Branson said. Initially, the only lure was a lower fare. But by 1988, the airline provided economyclass travelers individual video machines. A year later, business-class passengers got free manicures and

Often, Bransoo says, he gets ideas for new businesses from ordinary people. After a flight attendant mentioned on a London-to-New York flight what trouble she had shopping for her wedding, he decided to open a one-stop mart called Virgin Brides.

Ever the showman, Mr. Branson appeared at the opening of his first store in Londoo last year dressed as a bride, a stunt that was splashed across the front page of several London newspapers.

Some people say Mr. Branson's antics sometimes get out of control. A legendary party animal, he has been known to pour ice down a woman's back, lift ber up and turn her upside-down - sometimes against her will. After he tried that with Ivana Trump, he recalled, she speot the rest of the evening chatting up his rival, Lord King, the chairman of



Richard Branson prepared to raise his company's colors recently on a balloon flight in southern England.

British Airways. Io one lawsuit, filed last year in Federal District Court in New York City, a former employee, Elizabeth Hlinko, accused Mr. Branson of fondling her during a press party in 1994 at his home.

Mr. Branson, who bas been married to his second wife, Joan Templeman, since 1989, denies the accusation. "Hopefully, the charges will get chucked out and never get to court," he said

Whether or oot he goes to extremes, Mr. Bransoo cultivates the image of a fun-loving man-abouttown, not a businessman focused on building his fortune. To hear him tell it, getting rich is not the point of amassing businesses. Having fun, calling his own shots and pursuing his own dreams is.

Despite his free-wheeling style, Mr. Branson is far less impulsive about taking risks than it may seem. In starting Virgin Airways 13 years ago, he was keenly aware that a predecessor in the upstart airline business, Freddie Laker, bad overextended himself financially. So he leased a single plane from Boeing in a deal that allowed him to walk away from the venture if it faltered.

He even managed to lay off much of the cost of his daredevil attempts to cross the Atlantic and the Pacific with balloons, adventures that gave

his Virgin empire millions of dollars' worth of free publicity.

"Generally speaking, because the profiles of the trips are so high, we can find sponsors if we want them," be said. "We can sell the space on the balloons for some millions of dollars more than it actually costs us."

Actually, his business acumen dates to his youth, when he dropped out of school at age 16 to start, of all hings, a magazine called Student. That set him on a course that deviated from the ambition of his father, a lawyer, who wanted him to follow in his footsteps. But it was in keeping with the aspirations of his mother, Eve, who early on bad gooe to pains to develop an independent spirit in him. When Richard was just 5, fearful that "kids were getting a bit soft and feeble," she dropped her son in a field and told him to make his way to their country home two miles away. "We thought we had lost him," his mother recalled, "but be found his way to a farmhouse and they called

ICHARD BRANSON'S first venture la journalism dent magazine, was a failure. But he parlayed it into a mail-order record business. He and his friends toyed with the idea of calling the venture Slipped Disc, finally opting

for Virgin because they were such

oovices.

Over the next 14 years, he built Virgin into one of Britain's bestknown independent record labels. But by 1983, he wanted to diversify, and was receptive wheo a lawyer be did oot know presented a proposal for a new airline that would use the airport landing slots that were emptied by the collapse of Laker Airways. But perhaps his most effective guise is the one be wears every day: That of the average bloke taking on the establishmeot. He plays that role to the hilt in his battles with giant British Airways, which he accused of attempting to damage his business by stealing secrets from Virgin's computers. Mr. Bransoo took British Airways to court and, in a sweet victory, woo a \$945,000 settlement and an unusual public apology from Lord King - a public-relations coup worth its weight in gold.

To create a war chest for the battle with British Air, he made the \$1 billion sale of his record company to Thorn EMI. He was then 42, but It was the first time be felt financially debts," be recalled. "We were financially strong and it would be impossible to see everything disappearing."

That fear of watching his empire go up in smoke bad gnawed at him since his debut as an entrepreneur. He had come to realize, be said, how much circumstance and even blind luck can play in business. "There is a very thin line between success and failure," he said. "If you go into business without any financial backing, and you build a business from scratch, the word 'survival' is the key word.

"In our business, from the age of 15 to the age of 37 or 38, we could have gone either way," he said, citing the Persian Gulf war, bad times for airlines and the specter of entrepreneurs like Rupert Murdoch almost going under.

Mr. Branson does not dispute an estimate by The Sunday Times that his empire is worth \$2.76 billion, but he does not confirm it, either, and it is impossible to verify because all his companies are private. He briefly took Virgin Records public in 1986, selling 30 percent for \$324 million, but the stock did poorly and he bought it back. Would he go public again? "People kill for their freedom," he answered.

He is, however, happy to take money from investment partners, so long as the product carries the Virgin name. And now that he has made Virgin a household name not only in Britain, but in Japan and the United States, people are clamoring to do deals with him.

"We can get people to invest in our business, to practically fund any venture we do," Mr. Branson said. "We doo't actually really have to put money into our own new ventures. Others will do it for us."

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Up 1.35%

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Source: Bloomberg Financial Markets; exchange rates as of Friday's New York close.

Richard Branson, ever the marketer, kicks up his heels over - you guessed it - Virgin Vodka.

#### Earnings Drop at Intel, the Dow Ends the Month Up 4.6%

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### The Clinton Conundrum

As the first summer of Bill Clinton's second term approaches, that peculiar mixture of the admirable and degrading continues to distinguish his Presidency. How else to describe the twin spectacles of last week? There was Mr. Clinton, elder statesman haby boomer, confidently bantering with Prime Minister Tony Blair in London and rewriting the political map of Europe, even while becoming more enmeshed at home in what surely are the most lurid accusations ever directed against a sitting President. The American economic boom is helping to keep Mr. Clinton's approval ratings at an all-time high, yet a sense of personal scandal makes this a Presidency constantly on the edge.

The precarious feeling about this White House derives partly from what the office has become. The historian Michael Beschloss says that Mr. Clinton's Presidency may be a reversion to something more common in the 19th century, when Presidential success depended on cooperating with, and often yielding to, a powerful Congress. The modern Presidency was elevated by two developments, be says the expanding Federal Government and the central role of the cold war in American thought. With both these factors now in eclipse, the Presidency seems to be shrinking, as does any individual executive's ability to dominate the national consciousness with security issues or to transform the lives of Americans with domestic reform. Mr. Clinton tried at least some of that in his first two years, by declaring that he would complete the New Deal and Great Society in bealth care. The ensuing debacle insured that the rest of his time in office would consist of emotionally unsatisfying mini-steps,

The highly partisan nature of the political landscape in Washington has also clouded the perception of the Presidency and its capability. Fifty years ago, the last time the United States had a Democratic President and Republican Congress, President Truman confronted his foes and then took his case to the people. Mr. Clinton used confrontation in 1995, but has now achieved a remarkable parliamentary majority that has brought progress toward a balanced budget and the first arms control agreement to win Senate approval in a decade. Whether you agree with the results or not. It is obvious that this President is as skillful as any in modern times in finding and occupying the political center of gravity - at least for certain moments in a campaign or legislative battle.

Fortune magazine has declared this month that

Segregation Anew

who do win acceptance opt for rival states, driven

away by fears of racial isolation. The new segrega-

tion endangers the social coherence of both Texas

and California. Educators and political leaders will

need to work vigorously to reopen educational ac-

Supreme Court's Bakke decision, which forbids

quotas but permits schools to consider race in

admissions decisions. However, Texas and Califor-

nia have eliminated any consideration of race, each

for its own reasons. In Texas, the change results

from a Federal court decision that threw out an

admissions system with separate procedures and

panels for applicants of different races. In Califor-

nia, the rollback results from a 1996 ballot initiative

that altered admissions policies. Because they near-

ly always came from worse schools than whites,

hlack and Latino applicants were frequently admit-

ted with lower test scores. Scores are only one

predictor among many, and students often excel

despite them. But under the Texas and California

plans, race has been eliminated and test scores

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the United States economy is stronger than it has ever been before. Since Mr. Clinton would get much of the hlame if it failed, he is entitled to claim some of the credit. On a practical level, prosperity is probably his greatest shield against scandal. There is much of this Presidency that remains admirable above and beyond the blessings of good times. Mr. Clinton's actions on trade, budget policy, gun control, the environment, tobacco and affirmative action are impressive. We wish he showed more backbone on welfare, insisting on the means to employ the people who may be kicked off the rolls in what is prohably the scariest instance of social

engineering toward the poor in our time. But it is not disagreement on such policy issues that creates the mutable, muddled feelings that surround Mr. Clinton. The ragged edge of Mr. Clinton's Presidency, its novelistic quality, has to do with the outsized character questions dogging him since 1992.

What he did while Governor of Arkansas, in a botel room or with a failed real estate deal, does not of course directly relate to his accomplishments. Just the same, if talk show hanter is any guide, the public remains troubled and confused by the President's behavior - riveted and wanting to averts its eyes at the same time. History will have a bard time defining the emotional complexity of many people's reactions to a man of such remarkable talents that he is almost like a great athlete at the top of his game, and yet flawed by lack of discipline, hy selfpity, defensiveness, a volcanic temper and being too eager to please.

The President may never be able to fix this undercurrent of concern. Recently, Senator Bob Dole summed it up well when he called the President a "likable rogue" who is "always pushing the envelope." If Mr. Clinton were truly to center himself in the hearts of Americans, he would bave to come clean over what happened with Paula Corbin Jones, reaching a settlement in the best interests of all involved, not to mention the country, cooperate fully with the Whitewater and related investigations and put these issues as well behind him. That he has bandled these personal and legal crises so badly while doing some parts of his job so well is part of the drama - indeed, the psychodrama of the Clin-Presidency. It also helps explain why a country basking in prosperity cannot shake a lingering wariness about the gifted but imperfect and uncandid man in the White House.

After dismantling affirmative-action pro-The drop-off in applications bas been astoundgrams, the public universities of Texas and Califoring. In California medical schools, applications from black students have dropped by a quarter and nia have witnessed ominous declines in hlack and Latino enrollment, raising fears that universities in from Latino students hy a third over the last two these ethnically diverse states could one day beyears. The University of Texas Law School, which come overwhelmingly white. Fearing rejection, has produced a large share of minority law graduates, accepted about 65 blacks students in 1996, but many black and Latino students have decided not to only 11 this year. Every one of those 11 opted to go apply at all. In addition, educators foresee a new elsewhere, some because of stories about declining minority "brain drain," as outstanding students

> minority enrollment. Michael Sharlot, dean of the University of Texas Law School, says that trend could continue. He warns that a dearth of minority lawyers in a state that is half minority will undermine confidence in the law and add to racial friction. Mr. Sharlot says outstanding minority students are deciding to bypass Texas, rohbing it of a skilled and upwardly mobile minority community.

In Texas, angry legislators have passed a bill requiring universities to accept the top 10 percent of graduates from all state high schools. California has proposed a program to link universities with poor inner-city schools, in an attempt to improve public school instruction. In both states, it is coming home that minority students are being systematically disadvantaged hy abysmal and segregated public schools. The states inflict the damage and have a moral obligation to find a remedy.

Meanwhile, college enrollment figures show there is no such thing as a "race neutral" admissions policy. If universities do not take disadvantage into account, many minority students will face the prospect of resegregation in higher education.

### Human Rights in the Americas

Human rights commissions appointed by governments are generally timid, but the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights is an admirable exception. Countries recently criticized by the commission, however, like Peru and Mexico, are now pressing to restrict its activities. Guatemala is trying to get a politician closely associated with past military repression appointed to the organization. The United States must campaign vigorously at this week's meeting of the Organization of American States in Lima, Peru, to defeat both efforts.

Although the commission cannot enforce its decisions on unwilling governments, its complaints and reports have belped get offensive laws changed and brought relief to victims of abuse. Commission actions bave led Argentina to repeal legislation interfering with free expression. Mexico to introduce independent election monitoring and Colombia

to compensate victims of an army massacre. Critics of the commission's aggressive investigations would narrow its jurisdiction over individ-

ual cases, impose new secrecy rules and make it harder for private organizations like Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch to become involved in cases. The rights situation in the Americas has gotten better. But there are still serious problems in countries like Peru, Colombia and Guatemala. The commission's monitoring is a useful tool for pressuring the laggards.

Guatemala's nomination of Francisco Villagrán Kramer to be one of seven commission members also threatens the group's effectiveness. Mr. Villagrán was Vice President during one of Guatemala's bloodiest regimes of the early 1980's. His Government leveled Indian villages and burned the Spanish Embassy to kill protesters inside. Fortunately, there are three more suitable nominees for the three vacant commission seats.

The need for American leadership is one of President Clinton's favorite international themes. A strong show of leadership in Lima could reinforce buman rights protection throughout the Americas.

### Molinari Isn't First of the New Carpetbaggers

To the Editor:

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"The G.O.P. News From CBS," (Topics of The Times, May 29) bemoans how television news departments have been "chiseling away at the wall between journalism and politics," and cites CBS's hiring of two Republicans, Susan Molinari and Laura Ingraham. (You concede that former Democratic Senator Bill Bradley is also employed by CBS, but imply that he was merely hired for "balance.")

Leave it to you to warn of the onslaught of conservative ideology in the news medial

Of course, absent from your editorial was mention of Tim Russert, NBC Washington bureau chief and former chief of staff to Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan; George Stephanopoulos, panelist for ABC and former Clinton aide; Bill Moyers (NBC), President Johnson's press secretary; Chris Matthews (CNBC).

Your May 25 front-page article

"Reliving Myth of the Presidential

Log Cabin" omitted one little-known

fact. Ann Pamela Cunningham was

not the first to launch a campaign to

save a Presidential home. Twenty

years before, in 1832, a New Yorker

named Uriah Phillips Levy pur-

chased Thomas Jefferson's beloved Monticello, not to live there but

to enhance public interest in Jeffer-

Levy restored it, repurchased

items Jefferson's family had sold at

auction following his death, and

opened it to the public free of charge.

Levy was one of several Jewish Jef-

fersonians who revered Jefferson for

his dedication to religious freedom

and the separation of church and

When Levy died he left Monticello

"to the people of the United States."

but when Congress turned it down,

Jefferson Monroe Levy, another New

Yorker and Uriah's nephew, re-

stored Jefferson's home for the sec-

and time. Other prominent New

Yorkers contributed large amounts

Memorial Foundation, which owns

Most Americans, reading of the

surprising presidential election re-

suits in Iran ("Moderate Leader Is

Elected in Iran by a Wide Margin,"

front page, May 25) are probably

saying something like: "So what else

is new? We've learned from hitter

experience what moderate means in

Iran; Mohammed Khatami is still a

cleric, equally involved with the anti-

U.S. slogans of the leadership, only

third in rank when he assumes of-

Joe Camel is a cartoon. Children

like cartoons. R. J. Reynolds must be

aiming its advertising at children.

Let's ban Joe Camel Apparently

that's the reasoning that led the Fed-

eral Trade Commission to charge

Reynolds with illegally aiming its ad-

vertising at minors (front page, May

29). True, Camel's share among teen-

agers has more than quadrupled

since the introduction of Joe Camel.

Yet Marlboro is still the most popular

brand among underage smokers. So

it's just as easy to conclude that cow-

If the agency is serious about pro-

tecting teen-agers, it should abolish

all tobacco advertising. Because no

matter what visuals are used, the

message is the same: Smoking

makes you cool DAVID WOJDYLA

Chicago, May 30, 1997

boys are even more enticing.

Camels and Cowboys

To the Editor:

of money to the Thomas Jefferson . The writer is an architectural histo-

Iranian Moderate's Victory Portends Change

former aide to Tip O'Neill; or Dee Dee Myers (CNBC), former Clinton

spokeswoman. In fact, a 1992 survey by the Media Studies Center/Roper Center revealed that 89 percent of Washington-based bureau chiefs and Congressional reporters voted for Bill Clinton that year, as opposed to 7 percent for George Bush (the national results were 44 to 37 per-

The same survey found that just 4 percent of all such Washingtonbased reporters were self-identified Republicans, as compared with 50 percent who identified as Demo-

If, as you say, "CBS News now employs more famous Republican women than the Republican National Committee does," the odds are we have some Democratic bureau chief to thank!

and operates Monticello today.

Uriah Levy also commissioned a

statue of Jefferson in Paris and gave

the original plaster from which the

bronze (now in the United States

Capitol) was made to the people of .

New York; it still presides over City

But that would be to ignore what.

this election suggests about the senti-

ment for change in that society and

Mr. Khatami's own record. His 3-to-1

count is no small mandate; his votes

came heavily from the elements of

iran's populace clearly seeking

change - women and youth. They

will expect results. That will not

come overnight; Mr. Khatami does

not assume office until August. And

be knows from the experience of his

previous removal from office as Min-

ister of Culture that he will need to

proceed cautiously. But he cannot

ignore for long what clearly is popu-

lar sentiment that more flexibility is

needed in the revolution's social/cul-

foreign policy, where the final voice

remains that of the Supreme Leader,

Ayatollah Khamenei. But bere too

Mr. Khatami's campaign rhetoric

was relatively restrained. The U.S.

needs to respond accordingly. An

electoral mandate of these dimen-

sions bears careful watching, giving

Mr. Khatami the opportunity to sug-

gest openness in his views on a dia-

logue with America. Neither the

emotional legacy of the hostage cri-

sis nor American concerns over the

Iran regime's policies should cloud

an appreciation that our respective

interests dictate the need for that

The writer is president of the Ameri-

can Academy of Diplomacy and was

a hostage of the Iranian regime from

BRUCE LAINGEN

Washington, May 27, 1997

What matters for Americans is his

tural strictures.

LESLIE M. FREUDENBEIM

New York, May 28, 1997

ROBERT D. LISTER Scotch Plains, N.J., May 29, 1997

#### A Broken Promise When the Log Cabin Was Monticello

To the Editor: Susan Molinari's recent resignation from her elected duty ("A New Job Requirement for Molinari: Nonpartisanship," news article, May 29) points to the lack of integrity that we allow our leaders to exhibit.

Golf. or 'Barney'?

Oh, what venom in your editorial

Topic denouncing Representative

Susan Molinari's career change

(May 29)! Let me count your as-

(1) Ms. Molinari, as a soon to be-

former Republican Congresswoman,

will be too partisan. (George Stepha-

(2) You will delight in her having

to report on Newt Gingrich's loan

from Bob Dole. (But the rest of us

can't wait to hear her discuss Presi-

(3) Republicans spend Saturday

mornings waiting for tee times, and

might watch Representative Molina-

ri while waiting. (Democrats don't

play golf, or would watch what -

"Barney"?) WILLIAM M. BASOW

Fort Collins, Colo., May 29, 1997

dent Clinton and Paula Jones.).

To the Editor:

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We continue to lower the bar to accommodate the not-so-good instead of encouraging the great to lead. We criticize our leaders when they fall, we question their moral and/or ethical decisions, yet we do not hold the office itself to the level

that it deserves. Ms. Molinari made a promise to her constituents to lead. In resigning, she has done a great disservice not only to those who elected her, but to the system itself. IAN B. WILE

New York, May 29, 1997

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#### Feeding Cynicism

To the Editor:

Susan Molinari's decision to leave Congress for a TV show spot (news article, May 29) is another example why the public is cynical about politicians. As a Republican and one who would like to see much of the Republican agenda enacted, I do not like to see one from my own party use the office as a stepping stone.

It does appear that Representative Molinari was after this before the election. If that is the case, she should have either not run in '96 or made a deal to take the job after she served her term. There would be less cynicism if we had more people in political office who were really concerned about doing the will of the people instead of fattening their pockets. MICHAEL KRALL · Sayreville, N.J., May 29, 1997

#### **Abortion Bill's Faults**

To the Editor:

"A Partial Victory Abortion Vote" week in Review. May 25) implies that most abortion-rights advocates were silent about Senator Tom Daschle's substitute hill restricting post-viability abortions.

In fact, we opposed the Daschle bill, which was rejected on May 15, because it weakened the protections of Roe v. Wade and did not adequately protect women's health. Roe was a carefully crafted compromise that balanced a woman's right to choose an abortion before viability with the state's interest in protecting potential life in the later stages of pregnancy. We have always stood by Roe; that is why we did not support the Daschle KATE MICHELMAN proposal.

President National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League Washington, May 27, 1997

### U.S. Land Measure Doesn't Push Development

dialogue.

To the Editor:

Your treatment of the issue of roads on Federal land ignores the law and misrepresents intentions ("More G.O.P. Environmental Wars," editorial, May 26). You say that our provision would "revive an ancient Civil War statute" that granted rights of way over unreserved public lands. Congress repealed that statute in 1976 but reserved for states the power to determine what pre-1976 rights exist. Our provision doesn't revive a statute it prohibits the Interior Department

from revising the terms of its repeal. In 1994 the department proposed regulations to transfer the final say over pre-1976 rights-of-way claims from the states, which maintain these routes, to Washington. Congress three times directed Interior not to implement those regulations hut rather to submit a proposal to change the 1976 law. President Clinton signed each of the three bills containing the moratoriums.

To try to evade the law, the Interior Department issued an "interim

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policy" that did exactly what the prohibited regulations would have done. Our provision once again prohibits the department from doing with a "policy" what an act of Congress has three times prohibited.

Rights of way are critical in the West. They enable states and local governments to maintain access to state, Native Alaskan and private lands. We are not encouraging development in huge swaths of land. My state, Alaska, is one-fifth the size of the United States. We seek only that Interior abide by existing law, and if it wishes to change it, to do so by constitutional process. TED STEVENS

Chmn. Senate Appropriations Comm. Washington, May 29, 1997



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#### Absent Frenchwömen

To the Editor:

Your May 23 news article on women political candidates in France fighting voter sexism brought back memories of the most outrageous gender discrimination on display in Paris: the murals on the walls of the Métro stop at the National Assembly. There are painted enormous silhouettes of the members of the Assembly - every one a man. This decor was certainly approved by the municipal transit system. Were it on display in New York, outrage would

follow, and it would be removed. During the years I lived in Paris, it was astonishing to see no complaint made about this male representation of political power. When my little girl saw these wall paintings and asked, "Where are the women, mom?", I could only reply that the French haven't realized how badly they are

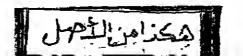
MARION HUNT Chapel Hill, N.C., May 25, 1997

#### A Tabloid Ethics Code?

To the Editor:

For Steve Coz, editor and senior vice president of The National Enquirer, to write an article called "When Tabloids Cross the Line" (Op-Ed, May 29) is chatzpahl Where The Enquirer draws the line may be different from where The Globe draws the line. But these and other tabloids, with their "long-lens canteras," "secret sources" and "Maw ing cash," are in the busine ruining lives and caseers for the sake of large profits. Bees Mr. Correally expect us to believe that the tabloids have assembled-code of did he write his article to knock a competitor? STANTEY D. FREDMAN

Elmhurst, Queens, May 29, 1997



**Essay** WILLIAM SAFIRE

### The Misrule of Law

lo Nazi Germany and Communist Russia, dictators used the power of a corrupted and compliant judiciary to cloak with legitimacy the regime's need to lock up, torture or drive out any who dared oppose them.

· That same device — the misrule of law - is being used today in Singapore. The local dictator, Lee Kuan Yew, has developed his own method of sileocing his political opponents and courageous journalists: He has his lap-dog judges condemn critics for libel and assess huge fines to be paid to the dictator and his hench-

Here's how the judicial gang operates: A veteran lawyer oamed Tang Liang Hong had the temerity to run against the ruling party this year. When he mentioned scandalous discounts the dictator received in a real estate deal, Lee and his coterie charged Tang with being "an anti-Eoglish education, anti-Christian Chinese chauvinist."

As might be expected in a political campaign, Tang denied that and called his attackers liars - thereby stepping into a libel trap. Lee and cobort sued for millions. When the "electioo" ended, Tang wisely beat it out of town to Hong Kong because he claimed to fear for his safety. Lee & Co. sued him for saying that, too.

Wheo Lee sues, judges jump. His bench socked Tang for \$5.8 million for subverting the dictator's "moral authority to govern" and, while the lap-dog judges were at it, ordered the miscreant dissenter arrested on 33 counts of tax evasion.

In his 63-page judgment, the presiding judge recalled with pleasure a previous award to Lee of \$400,000 from The International Herald Tribune for a piece be claimed suggested that compliant judges were used by Lee to bankrupt political opponents, Tang's "ferocious and venomous" suggestion that the Senior Minister lied was worth at least 10 times that.

What we have bere is a plain and simple extortion racket. The dictator uses the courts to squeeze opponeots for money, or to exact tribute from the Trib, making sure to appoint judges who deliver for him by bankrupting and exiling the opposition. Singapore is a nation-state run by efficient political racketeers professing respect for law and order.

Why should this bother us? The regional reason: Singapore's ultraorderly economy and anti-democratic politics make up the dangerous "model" being followed by China. A broader reason: The Singapore virus - the notion that capitalist prosperity can be abetted by political repression - could infect the global economy with its straio of fascism.

But nobody's worried. The World Economic Forum bails Singapore as No. 1 in economic freedom — when the mention of "freedom" in the same breath as Singapore is a joke.

The Nixoo Center for Peace and Pragmatism, controlled by Henry Kissinger, James Schlesinger and Maurice Greenberg, looks back fondly at Lee's anti-Communist past and honors him as its "architect of the oext century." And travelers who profess to stand for human rights help tyranny along by flying Singapore Airlines.

Worst of all, the organs of international opinion — supposed guardians of free speech — kowtow commercially to the despot and his nespot son. Time, Newsweek, The Financial Times write on eggs to avoid litigation in Extortionland; The Wall Street Journal invests with Singapore in a regional news octwork, and

#### Singapore's legal racket.

The Herald Tribune, owned by The New York Times and Washington Post, still operates in the scene of its past humiliation.

Why don't my brethren combine in restraint of trading with the avowed enemy of democracy's values? We aren't helpless; news media can locate headquarters in Manila, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok and Taipei, which are already sites for prioting and distribution.

The Trib would be crazy to run today's column. Calling a racket a racket is considered libelous in Singapore, where regard for truth is no

In the U.S. last week, a unanimous Supreme Court demonstrated how a truly independent judiciary can check the power of a president and uphold the rights of an individual citizen. The reaction of the people, including those of us who disagreed in this case, was: That's It. Integrity makes possible finality. Someday the beacon of the rule of law will shine into Singapore and all the dark corpers of the world.



By Karen Mathews

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Modesto, Calif. dy, you would be so easy to kill." More: than three years later, these words still haunt me. My assailant growled this threat, as I lay in the darkness on the floor of my garage, stunned and dazed from being beaten, kicked and knifed. Then he put a gun to my head and dryfired it several times.

This was no random attack or botched burglary. The man who all but killed me was a member of a disciplined organization with a specific mission. And bizarre as it may seem, I had been targeted because of my job. I am the elected Clerk-Recorder of Stanislaus County in central California, a sleepy-sounding title until paramilitary groups discovered that harassing and intimidating officials like me is a way to attack the basic workings of government. One of their tactics is to try to file liens against the property of Internal Revemoe Service employees and other officials they regard as the enemy.

In California alone, clerk-recorders in 49 of the state's 58 counties have reported threats ranging from fistpounding intimidation to verbal threats of harm. This is part of a guerrilla war against democracy going on far below the level of an Oklahoma City bombing. With all reverence for victims of that attack, I often felt while following the trial of Timothy McVeigh that the events are relat-

ed in spirit if not in fact. My nightmare began in early 1992. I was approached on several occasions by a small group of individuals who demanded I record various illegal documents, usually fictitious "common law" liens against property owned by I.R.S. employees or local elected officials. I, of course, refused to do so.

Karen Mathews is the Clerk-Recorder of Stanislaus County, Calif.

After that, my staff and I became targets of threats and hostile acts. I received anonymous telephone calls at the office and at home. A fake bomb was placed under my car. Bullets were fired through the office windows. A single bullet was mailed to my home with a message stating, "The next bullet will be directed at your bead."

Then came the attack in my garage on Jan. 30; 1994, that changed my life. "Do your job. Record our documents," my assailant said over and over, "You are a messenger to all the recorders. This could happen to them, too."

Aside from my feelings of fear, anger and disbelief, I was totally per-

#### Attacks on local officials are threats to democracy.

plexed about who would go to such extremes to terrorize a county recorder. My nonpartisan office handled few if any controversial matters.

The answer came more than a year later, when, after exhaustive efforts by F.B.L and I.R.S. agents and local law enforcement, nine people were arrested and charged with various Federal crimes, including the attack

All nine were members of the Juris Christian Assembly, a shadowy group specializing in tax protests and other resistance to government. My assailant was an Oregon man with militia connections who came to Modesto, as the inquiry later showed, to terrorize me. He had previously been accused of threatening two California state

Last month, a Federal jury in Fresno, Calif., convicted him and the eight other defendants. They are currently awaiting sentencing

Although I was relieved when the verdicts were announced, my emotions were constrained. My life has changed. I now carry a gun and have been trained in martial arts. For the last three years, guards were with me

Even though my attacker is going to prison, I still live under heavy security. Last month, a man came into our office, quickly took photographs of my staff, and hurried out. Other recorders I know are being

24 bours a day,

threatened. A man recently told a county clerk in the San Francisco Bay Area: "You know what happened to that woman in Modesto. You better be According to the Justice Depart-

ment, every county in California bas formal militia groups. Just last month, several people with militia ties were arrested in two Northern California countles after authorities said they were found with blasting caps and 500 pounds of high explosives, stolen from a mine in Montana.

I'm most familiar with what is happening in California, but the problem is nationwide. The recent siege by the Republic of Texas group essentially began with "paper terrorism" - the filing of bogus liens. According to the Anti-Defamation League, anti-government extremists are using "common law courts and in at least 23 states.

It is difficult to comprehend or convey the anger and crazy sense of misguided patriotism embraced by these people. For example, after 1 refused to record one man's illegal "common law" lien, he told me, "You are guilty of treason." He theo snarled, "I am a sovereign citizen of the Republic of California, oot the corporate United States, and the laws you enforce restrict my Godgiven rights."

Efforts are being made to stop the intimidation. After I was attacked, California enacted a law making it a felony to threaten a public official, their employees or families. A bill in the California Legislature right now would take some pressure off county

their proper forum, the courtroom. If someone demanded that we file a bogus lien, we could refer the case to a judge immediately. In Washington, Representative

recorders by moving disputes to

Charles Schumer of New York, who has led the fight against the militia movement, and my Representative, Gary Coodit of California, are seeking Federal penalties on crimes associated with threats to public officials. In too many cases, local officlals are intimidated by the militias. The Government bas the ultimate responsibility to preserve our Constitution against the direct assault by these groups. Yet so many legislators in Washington remain complacent about the threat.

As I beglo my life anew, I still find it hard to discuss some of the details of what happened to me. But I feel an anger that won't go away, not only against the self-styled patriots who harass us, but also against those who express or tolerate a certain "populist" Support for anti-government ex-

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Journal FRANK RICH

### Let the Trial Begin!

Now that the Supreme Court has spoken, let Bill Clinton's trial begin! There are two vital reasons why It is in the national interest that Paula Jones have her day in court - and that it be the longest day in court American jurisprudence can provide.

1. The country is bored, desperately bored. No matter that the economy is booming, there's peace abroad and the new welfare law gives us permission to stop worrying about the poor; Americans have been spiraling into depression since O. J. left the stage. What good is guilt-free prosperity if we suffer from entertainment deprivation?

Oh sure, the pundits all promised us that the Timothy McVeigh trial would fill that vacuum, but what a sadly bitter bust it has turned out to be. Efficient, brief, professional, untelevised and possibly even just, it is enough to leave anyone bemoaning the fallen state of a legal system whose ability to generate months of riveting soap opera was only yesterday the envy of the civilized world.

Despite some promising tabloid headlines, no other case is rushing in to fill the vacuum. Up in Massachusetts, a baby sitter is letting sleeping Kennedys lie. The air went out of the Mary Albert scandal once the Arlington police refused to strip the defendant of his rug for his mug shot. Nor, it seems, is there any great public clamor for Frank and Kathie Lee Gifford to take their marital troubles to court. A trial would only guarantee still more air time for the overexposed Kathie Lee - not to mention the blinding prospect that she might be interviewed on CBS by the one TV Clinton owes us one.

personality who can match her in aggressive perkiness and on-camera baby-wielding, Susan Molinari.

With such a parched summer ahead, is it any wonder that the nation is reduced to watching "The Lost World"? The only entertainment alternatives are to attend museum exhibitions about the dinosaurs of "The Lost World" or to stay home and watch TV news reports about the weekend grosses of "The Lost World."

2. The President needs to give his second term some "distinguishing characteristics." Far from being too busy to go to trial, as his lawyers ineffectually argued to the Court, Mr. Clinton is clearly a man in oeed of a mission - and one that might actually be of benefit to the nation.

The last time the President earned his keep was during his last State of the Union Address, when his avalanche of empty promises offered a tranquilizing diversion during the excruciating wait for the verdict in the O. J. civil trial. Since then, the education President has negotiated a balanced budget that offers not a penny to rebuild the nation's decrepit public schools. What's more, the antitobacco, pro-childhood-development President secured his empty budget deal by killing a bipartisan measure

that would have raised cigarette taxes to buy poor children health care. Now Mr. Clinton is shifting from the disingenuous to the nonsensical. Teo days ago, when Hillary Clinton and Tipper Gore played host to the editors of womeo's magazines, fashion magazines included, at the White House, the President gave a speech decrying the fashion world's "beroin chic" - but to a meeting of mayors in another room. It's bad enough that the anti-drug President can't stand up to Mexico - a far bigger source of our current drug woes than a grotesque fashion fad that's run its course - but to the editor of Vogue?

Equally odd was the President's proposal the next day for a V-chip to regulate porn on the infinite sites of the Internet, just as it's dawning on the public that his election-year gimmick of a ratings-driven V-chip can't even regulate the few dozen channels on TV. And what about Mr. Clinton's hollow call to develop an AIDS vaccine within a decade? Though the President likened his own speech to John Kennedy's 1961 call for putting a man on the moon, he, unlike his predecessor, put no money on the table. The real historical analogue is Richard Nixon, whose sweeping 1971 declaration of a war on cancer bas left cancer death rates virtually unchanged in the 26 years since.

If Mr. Clinton isn't going to do anything else worthwhile, it behooves him to go to trial and at least fulfill his solemn obligation to entertain the couotry. If he decides to shirk this duty, too, by settling out of court, then let the televised impeachment begin.

## No Lack of Roles for a Chameleon From Scotland

By MICHAEL DWYER

SIXMILEBRIDGE, Ireland N A snug pub in this small town in County Clare, in the southwest of Ireland, none of the customers hatted an eyelash when a longhaired young man in full 17th-century costume entered, ordered a pint of Guinness and settled down in a cor-

The young man was Ewan McGregor, 26, the fast-rising and prolific Scottish actor who last year starred in such diverse movies as "Trainsporting" and "Emma" and who now can be seen in "Brassed Off," the English coal-mining movie that opened last weekend. He also has a leading role in Peter Greenaway's provocative "Pillow Book," which opens on Friday; plays a young American who works in a morgue in "Nightwatch," a Nick Nolte thriller due this summer; is in negotiation to play the young Ohi Wan Kenobi in the next "Star Wars" movie, and has finished work on two movies under way, one in which he plays a glamrock idol in 70's London and the other, a Scottish dreamer traveling in America

Suffice it say that the last year has been a whirlwind for Mr. McGregor, and this only his fifth as an actor. Not since Daniel Day-Lewis and Gary Oldman has Britain produced such a chameleon. Producers and directors say he has that ineffable star quality: some say he is the most interesting actor to come out of Scotland since Sean Connery

Mr. McGregor is adventurous and unpretentious, sometimes harshly self-critical, very selective of his roles and adamant in refusing to be typecast. Nudity does not bother him, as "The Pillow Book" amply illustrates, nor does playing distinctly unglamorous parts, like the drug-addicted Renton in "Trainspotting." Not convectionally good-looking, he appears genuinely surprised by his success,

Mr. McGregor was in this small Irish town last summer to work on yet another movie, "The Serpent's Kiss," a story of landscape gardening, sexual intrigue and deceit set in Gloucestershire, England, in 1699. He has the pivotal role of a Dutch gardener hired by a pompous, oouveau riche foundry owner (Pete Postle-

garden for his bored wife (Greta Scacchi). The film, which was shown at Cannes last month, is the first directed by the French cinematographer Philippe Rousselot, who won an Oscar for "A River Runs Through

Both the director and the film's producer, Robert Jones, speak glowingly of the young actor. "He looks great, and he's perfect for the role; he was the first to be cast," Mr. Rousselot said. To Mr. Jones, Mr. McGregor Is "incredibly focused."

"This film was a long time getting going," Mr. Jones said, "and he could have walked a hundred times, but he stuck with it..."

Mr. McGregor relishes being in demand, but he talks about it quietly, directly and entirely without airs. 'I've been very lucky, always having something to go on to when I finish something else," he said between cigarettes, sitting at a wooden table in the pub. "And now I even have the opportunity to choose what 1 do. It can't get better."

He was born in the small Scottish spa town of Crieff and became interested in acting at the age of 9. inspired hy an uncle, Denis Lawson, a stage and film actor who went on to have a leading role as the roguish innkeeper in Bill Forsyth's 1983 film "Local Hero." (Mr. Lawson also had small parts in all three "Star Wars" films.)

"He always seemed very different from the other people I was surrounded by, and at that age I wanted to be different like him," Mr. McGregor sald of his uncle. "So I decided to be an actor, and I wouldn't let anyone

He left school when he was 16 and worked hriefly in a Perthshire repertory theater, mostly helping out hackstage. Next stop was the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London, where he studied for three years, In 1992, he landed his first professional role, in Dennis Potter's offbeat musical comedy television series "Lipstick on Your Collar," which was set during the Suez crisis, Mr. McGregor has barely paused for hreath since.

First off, he was cast as Julien Sorel the romantic lead in the BBC production of Stendhal's classic novel "The Red and the Black." His film debut came in Mr. Forsyth's "Being Human," in which Mr. McGregor thwalte, who also appears in had a single line: "I'll do it, Don "Brassed Off") to design and build a Parlo." The movie was widely con-



Mr. McGregor, center, and Stephen Tompkinson in "Brassed Off" - The actor has taken one role after another, with hardly a pause for breath.

sidered a bomb.

He then made the leap into his first leading film role. The producer Andrew Macdonald and the director Danny Boyle signed him to play the cynical Edinburgh journalist, Alex. in their dark thriller "Shallow Grave," an inventive, well-received film notable for its mordant sense of humor about murder, money and yuppie values.

"I thought it would be an interesting film," Mr. McGregor said, "hut it was only when I saw the first rough cut and I realized what Danny had done with it that I thought, 'God, did we really shoot this film?' "

He might have had a similar reaction to the next film he did for the team, "Trainspotting," in which he played the central part of the skinhead junkie Rentoo. For the role he had to shave his head and lose nearly 30 pounds. "Renton was living a life on heroin," Mr. McGregor allowed, "so he wasn't going to be a beefcake."

The film went on to become one of the most successful independent pro-

ductions of recent years: made for just \$3 million, it has already taken in over \$60 million worldwide. Now Mr. McGregor has completed a third movie for the team, "A Life Less Ordinary," a dark romantic comedy shot in Utah and scheduled to be released in the fall. In this film he plays a Scotsman who kidnaps the daughter (Cameron Diaz) of a ruthless businessman.

Mr. McGregor had only a month off between finishing "Trainspotting" and shooting Douglas Mc-Grath's "Emma," in which he played Frank Churchill, the dashing man whose appearance in Highbury Is fervidly anticipated by the female resideots. And to Mr. McGregor, the quick turn-around between films was

"I was terrible in It," he said, referring to "Emma," "I didn't believe a word I said."

Making the movie, he sald, was "a mind-bender, having such a short gap between two such different films, but I grew my hair, got fitted for the costumes and I got married."

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His wife is Eve Maurakis, a French costume designer. They have a yearold daughter, Clara, and live in Lon-

Mind-bender might also describe something of his role in "The Pillow Book," the Peter Greenaway movie only now opening in the United States two years after it was shot. In the film, which is set in Hong Koog, Mr. McGregor plays a hisexual English translator who encounters a writer (Vivian Vu) who performs calligraphy on his naked body, then sends the art, with Mr. McGregor attached, to her homosexual publisher.

"For the calligraphy sequences I went into this cold studio at 4 in the morning and lay on a bed with heaters at each side," Mr. McGregor recalled. "I lay on the bed for two hours while they painted my front, and often fell asleep during it. Theo I had to stand for two hours while they painted my hack.

Mr. McGregor's childhood musical training paid off when he was asked to play a young coal miner in "Brassed Off," about a romance be-

tween a pair of horo players. Because he had played French horn, mastering the tenor horn was not a problem. "I was able to tootle along with the tunes, which was quite acceptable," he said.

But what attracted him to 'Brassed Off" was its sympathetic look at the decay of the British mining industry. "It's a very passionate film about the destruction of a community," be said.

Most recently, be completed the Todd Haynes film "Velvet Goldmine," which was filmed in London and is set in the 1970's, during the emergence of the glam-rock sceoe. Beginning next month, he is expected to begin work on "Star Wars."

Typecasting? There seems little chance of it. Consider the range of his parts: 17th-century seducer, 19thcentury gentleman, cynical journalist, junkie, naked canvas, horn-playing coal miner, kidnapper, rock star and sage for the ages. "I would get terribly bored if I was playing the same kind of character all the time," he said.

### A Far Cry From 'The Firm'

By JESSE KORNBLUTH

SAVANNAH Ga. S dusk descends on an inlet overlooking the harbor here, it's hard to remember that tourists are now the city's greatest industry. Film-making equipment and the still air have combined to make this the Insect capital of the South. With the movie lights slated to be switched on at any minute, crew members light cigars and apply bug spray. No one rushes.

"The Gingerbread Man," the first original screenplay by John Grisham, has been filmed mostly at night, on the waterfront, under simulated hurricane conditions that were most definitely not in Mr. Grisham's script. Screenwriters have, as a rule. no control over what happens to their scripts, but Mr. Grisham is not the average neophyte screenwriter; one would think that the director and the production company would respect the wishes of the most successful legal-thriller oovelist oo the planet. But the production has little in

common with previous Grisham-inspired movies (or with "The Rainmaker," adapted from Mr. Grisham's 1995 best seller, which Paramount will release around the same time this fall). The production company is Island Pictures, not one of the Hollywood giants. The distributor is Polygram Films, in its first feature effort in the United States. The budget is a modest \$20 million, which reflects that the actors are not Sandra Bullock and Tom Cruise but the more affordable Kenneth Branagh, Embeth Davidtz, Daryl Hannah, Tom Berenger, Robert Downey Jr., Robert Duvall and Famke Janssen.

The story they tell is, for Mr. Grisham, a miniature: A Southern lawyer (Mr. Branagh) meets a young woman in trouble (Ms. Davidtz), who promptly seduces him. When he defends her against her demented father (Mr. Duvall), the lawver - along with his childreo and his ex-wife - becomes embroiled in the family dispute.

The biggest difference between "The Gingerbread Man" and all previous Grisham movies, however, is that the director is not Joel Schumacher, who directs big-budget blockbusters like "Batman Forever" when not adapting Grisham books like "A Time to Kill" and "The Client." Instead, the producers have gone in the exact opposite direction and chosen a director who works with small budgets, makes films almost invariably described as quirky and who operates in a more or less constant state of war with the Holly-



John Grisham

wood establishment: Robert Altman, the director of "MASH," "Nashville," "The Player," "Short Cuts," "Ready to Wear" ("Pret-à-Porter") and, most recently, "Kansas Citv." In his trailer, Mr. Altman is chatting amiably, immune to the lighting and camera problems he has caused by adding wind and water to the plot. At 72, having directed 31 films, he is as much actor as film maker. Ignoring constant knee pain, he settles himself in his trailer, and, like a Hollywood Lear, mocks his producers, past and present. He husies himself with a

game of solitaire using Tarot cards. But his distractedness is really a cover, and on this April evening, on what is slated to be the final night of filming, everyone working on this production understands that. In fact, he is waiting for his hright young technicians to solve the technical problems he has created by shooting on water and, yes, at night.

In this scene, Mr. Branagh, who plays a lawyer of great talent and dubious judgmeot, pays a visit to Mr. Berenger, who plays the captain of a dredging boat. The captain was once married to the young woman the lawyer has taken oo as a client, and then some; the lawyer has learned a few new facts, and now the two men are going to have a primal moment. Violence ensues, all of it on a rocking boat in terrible weather.

"The hurricane was nice in the office, when this was just a script," Mr. Branagh mutters, "but when you have to shoot it -- "

A production assistant asks Mr. Altman if he has any ideas for the camera setup. "No, I doo't," he replies cheerfully. "I'm not supposed to. If I have a good idea, it turns out that somebody else has already had

The assistant hurries away, and Mr. Altman amplifies. "Most of my work is completed the minute I've cast the movie. After that - well, I can't think of any great moment in my films that didn't come from

somebody else. Tonight, I'm not going to do anything. All I'll do is make some choices."

This is oot what one expects from the director of a movie connected in any way with John Grisham, who likes his thrillers tightly plotted and the pacing appropriately crisp. But "The Gingerhread Man" was written years ago and is being produced now largely because of the commercial power of Mr. Grisham's name.

"The script had definitely been around," Mr. Branagh says, "There were many fingerprints on my copy. But I like legal thrillers, so I said, 'If I do this, I want a director who's not going to make another of those movies.' And Bob is the curveball you might expect"

Mr. Altman has, in his predictably unpredictable way, converted Mr. Grisham's fairly conventional script into a film that's so foreign from previous Grisham movies it might as well have subtitles.

"The look is distinctive," says Mr. Branagh. "Bob made it, for want of a better word, noirish - and then added an Impressionist texture. And there are many anti-Perry Mason scenes here. Boh's managed to capture the tedium of the legal profes-

Mr. Altman says, with what passes for sincerity, "I came to Savannah for the mooo and the trees that frame the streets."

That's not an approach he had discussed with Mr. Grisham, "who seems to have some censorial powers," Mr. Altman says, "aithough we sent him the revised script and never heard back."

That may be wisdom on Mr. Grisham's part.

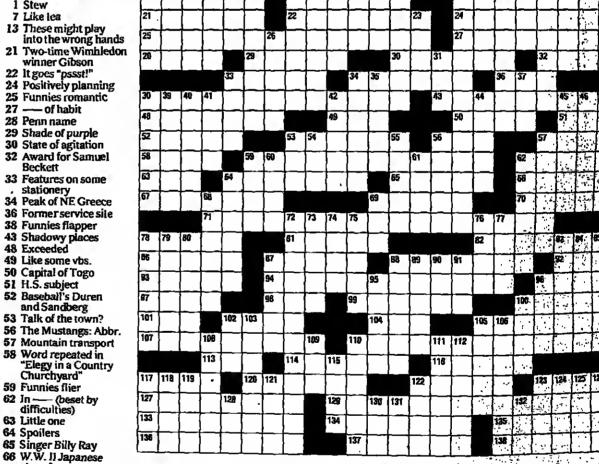
"When Ring Lardner read my draft of 'MASH,'" Mr. Altman recalls, "he said: 'You've ruined my script! There's not a word of mine in it.' Then he won the Academy Award for best screenplay and didn't thank anyone."

But writers are less venal in the Altman pecking order than studio executives ("They're all in the accounting business") and critics ("They read one another; you can see errors repeated like a wave going across the country"). His sole enthusiasm is for his actors. He hired Robert Downey Jr., a survivor of drug-related headlines, when other directors might have gone on to the

next name. "Robert is so fast, so good," Mr. Altman says, "that he's the best American actor there is." This makes him second only to Kenneth Branagh, who is, Mr. Altman says, "the best of all the actors I've ever worked with."

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# Encounters of a different kind

pop music the future lingua franca of diplomacy? Judging by the successful recent visit of a delegation of Israeli highschool pupils to Malaysia, a Moslem country with which Israel has no diplomatic relations, it just might be. For despite the obvious differ-

ences with their Malaysian hosts, the Israelis succeeded in breaking down cultural barriers between them with the help of something they had in common MTV.

"All young people have some daing in common; they listen to the same music we do," 17-year-old Shosh Reese said of the trip, which came soon after a visit by Israeli cricketers sparked anti-Israel riots in Malaysia.

They're not so different from us, school is much stricter io Malaysia," she said. Once the youngsters got past the outer trap-pings - the Malaysian students in Kuala Lumpur wore ties as part of their school uniforms - they quick-Alanis Morrissene and other pop stars both groups knew from MTV. Channel V and other music staions. They also found a common interest in computers and British soccer teams.

The phenomenon surprised Yair Levin, the Education Ministry's deputy director-general and head of international relations, who accompanied the pupils. "I was worried about what they would have to talk about," he admitted. "But the truth of the matter is that the educators are not sufficiently aware of the international language which has reached people of similar socioeconomic backgrounds in different countries.

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"It's the language of music, and not just [any] pop music, it's MTV. Once you discover this world and get into it, then you can ask each other how you live, because you suddenly realize that you have a shared international basis for a relationship."

The pupils were personally invit-ed by Malaysian Prime Minister Dr. Muhammed Mahtir, and chosen for their knowledge of Islamic culture. Levin believes they were invited to show Israeli officials that there is more to Islam than suicide

The Malaysians will never say publicly how embarrassed they are



Israeli pupils meet their Malaysian counterparts in Kuala Lumpur

Jerusalem and Kuala Lumpur have no diplomatic relations, but that didn't stop Israeli students from forming ties with their Malaysian peers during a recent visit, Aryeh Dean Cohen reports

the Middle East," he said. "But they let you understand that they believe Moslem suicide bombers are an embarrassment to Islam. They feel they do not fairly represeot the religion, which they believe is tolerant, and that these

this, and that it has no place in their

Politics only occasionally came to the fore. The visit took place shortly after the government's decision to build at Har Homa. In its wake some of the Malaysian hosts

we were from Israel, the Holy Land, whose capital is Jerusalem. 1 felt a little badly about the principal, but I couldn't do otherwise." Levin said the principal insisted he had originally been told the group was indeed from South

The Malaysians will never say publicly how embarrassed they are about how suicide bombers are acting in the name of lsiam.

bombers are disgracing it." "The adults and even the pupils said several times that the biggest problem is religious fanaticism on all sides," said Shlomo Alon, national supervisor for Arabic instruction in the ministry's Pedagogic Secretariat, who also accompanied the children on the

were apparently a bit reluctant about welcoming Israeli visitors, as 17-year-old Liron Gantz of Haifa's

Reali High School found out. When the principal at the school in Phanang told the class where we were from, he said we were from South Africa," Gantz recalled. "I asked Mr. Levin what to do, and he about how Mosleins are acting in trip. They stressed that they reject said: Tell the truth, so I told them

Africa, and only beard they were from Israel after they arrived,

"How did the Malaysian pupils react? They knew that something was amiss - they're smart enough to know that when they tell them a group is from South Africa, and then we say: 'What do you mean?' and there isn't a single black among us, that something's wrong. But when they heard we were from Israel, they responded very positively, they don't have the same hangups adults have. When they're told someone is an Israeli, once they get to know him they see a person, they don't go looking for a tail or horns.

Two of the kids I spoke to said: 'Oh, we thought you were from Europe, we never knew how Jews looked.' Wheo they saw we look just like everybody else, everything was fine," Reese said.

Their guides steered them clear of Iranian-owned shops in Kuala Lumpur malls, and the pupils were told not to tell anyone on the street they were Israeli. Beyond concern for their safety, their hosts made them feel very much at home.

They went out of their way to satisfy us as regards kosher food," he said. "But as in many culmres, they couldn't understand why chicken should be considered meat. But they made sure we didn't have any program involving travel on Shabbat - something I

don't always run into with

SOME OF their hosts were curious about Israel and Judaism, especially their Malaysian guide, who by chance was named Mr. Rabin. "I talked to him a little about Judaism," Gantz said. "He asked all kinds of questions, for example, whether in our religion Moses is regarded as a king or as a prophet, and whether we recognize Jesus as

Maya Amos, 17, a classmate of Gantz's, found the Malaysian pupils' knowledge of Israel was limited "to mainly terror attacks. They were interested in Judaism. they asked about our holidays, and tried to draw comparisons with Islam. They were surprised we knew verses from the Koran, or about various parts of the mosque."

They knew pracocally nothing except for some who knew that Tel Aviv is in Israel," Reese said. "Some asked wbether Netanyahu was our prime minister - apparently they had read about him in the

Mostly the youngsters talked about things all young people have in common: school, family life, and relations between boys and girls. The relatioosbips are different than here," said Reese. "They keep their distance more. They have parties, but rarely, not like our

"I made contact with a 19-yearold girl named Sofia," Maya Amos recalled.

"She wore Moslem clothes and a head covering. Suddenly she asked me if I had a boyfriend, and I felt a bit embarrassed. Then she said she had one. She wanted to know if [my boyfriend and I] can hold hands, or kiss at recess. When I told her, she was shocked, and said that she'd get in big trouble if she was even seen with her boyfriend at

Their new Malaysian friends also shared the Israeli youngsters' grief after word reached them about the Naharayim attack, "It was a difficult moment for us," Arava Eshed, 17, of Beit Yerah school said. "We stood for a moment of silence and had a special Shabbat eve service."

"They immediately identified with our sadness," Levin said.

The visit was an eye-opener for the Israelis, who expected a far different country than they encoun-

"I didn't expect it to be so modern," said Ganz, who found McDonald's and other American restaurants in Malaysia. "It's exactly like here. But it was also very green, full of trees. Some of the islands they took us to looked like the ones Elvis visited in Blue

The pupils also visited Buddhist and Hindu shrines.

Levin says politics will ultimately determine the impact of the visit - which he likens to the "ping-pong diplomacy" visits of Chinese and American athletes before relations were established. "I think the Malaysians considered our delegation a 'ping-pong delegation.' What develops depends to some extent on what happens between us and the Palestinians...

Alon believes such visits are "very important for our region. I very much believe in these personal contacts - they break down barriers." So do computers - several of the Malaysian and Israeli pupils exchanged E-mail addresses, and are in contact.

### **Home Front** A little help from my girlfriends By Allison Kaplan Sommer

You can't really call me a man-hater. After all, I've got a dad, a husband, and a son, so there's oo reason for me to sit around bashing the male gender. Yet I must confess, when it comes to friendship, I've never really had any use for the opposite sex: I'm a man's woman

it's purely a personal preference. When I'm feeling low and want to take in a movie or unburden my heart over a cappuccino, give me a female companion any day. I want ease, sympathy and a healthy dose of commiseration - I don't want the male perspective. That's what I've got a husband for.

haze of romance, the friendship can be saved. I maintain that friendships between single women and married-with-children can not only survive, they can thrive. But only if one can maintain a sincere interest in the life of the other. It takes a lot of open-mindedness for the single friend not 10 get bored with tales of breastfeeding woes, diapers and parenting theories, and for the married friend not to stay sympathetic after listening to another recounting of a date from hell.

The good part is that these friendships help us maintain perspective - the grass is not always greener on the other side. When you see your

Giving up real or potential romantic connections with other men was no problem. But giving up female bonding? Never.

Throughout my childhood, teens and 20s, my female friends were the bedrock of my existence, the keepers of my secrets. Men came and went, romance was fleeting, but friendship was forever. Then I got married. Giving up real or poteotial romantic connections with other men was no problem. But giving up female bonding?

So wheo I moved to Israel as a newlywed, the hardest part of my acclimation was the shortage of girlfriends. My life turned around in an odd way - instead of dating men, I found myself engaged in the odd ritual of "datiog" women, auditioning them for the role of frieods. I'd meet them for coffee, take in a movie, and try to determine after a few meetings if we had anything in common, whether the relationship was worth pursuing. It's an awkward way to make friends. The best friendships are formed when we are vounger, in school, traveling across Europe, in situations where there is endless time to sit around and schmooze and gel to know someone else as well as you know yourself and to

matter what. My long-time friendships have been through some rough times. As see it, the great burdle of female friendship is when one of the pair becomes part of a couple. When you are out there in the trenches of the world of singlehood, you don't want to hear about how your friend is on cloud nine.

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And the friend busy planning her wedding isn't interested in bearing her friend rant on about how all men are pigs.

If you can get through that initial

friend up to her elbows in dishes and diapers and commitments, you praise the freedom of single life. When the stresses of marriage and kids gets to you, it's oice to have a friend to call to remind you why being single is not all fun and games.

And when both of you are muddling around in the world of motherhood, it's great to look back and have a connection to the old days. I like swapping stories of children. sympathizing, and sharing the milestones with someone wbo cares enough to share your amazement when your child uses the potty for the first time, or tells you that you are not a bad mother because you nicked the baby's finger when trying to cut its nails. And perhaps because of the unique combination of intimacy and distance, female friendships can often be built of sturdier stuff than mar-

People my age don't generally think about what life will be like when they get old. We'd all like to think that we'll walk into the sunset hand-in-hand with our family around us. But biological facts are cruel: women usually outlive their spouses by several years, and children grow up and have their own lives to deal with. What's comforting to me when I contemplate that potential lonelioess is seeing roups of little old ladies speaking Yiddish or German in sunny Tel Aviv cafes over cups of tea. As they smile, laugh and gossip, you can see that while the outside world may see them as elderly matrons, they look at one another and see the young Ella or Lotte or Hannah. Growing older can't be so terrible if you have your girlfrieods to share it with.

#### **EARTHLY CONCERNS**

### Too many people, not enough food

By D'YORA BEN SHAUL

unning out of food is a subject that no one wants to talk about, possibly because everyone who knows about it also knows that no one has yet found a solution. The facts are simple, however. The current world population is around 5.3 billion, and by the year 2025 it is expected to reach a staggering 8.5 billion.

Yet even this oumber, the United Nacions Population Fund's 1994 report says, is a conservative estimate and is based on the fact that there has been an increase in the use of contraceptives in the underdeveloped areas of the world, with the number of couples in these countries using modern contraceptives rising from 20 percent in the '60s to 55 percent today. In industrialized countries, 75 perceot of couples use contraception.

The UN feels that this rise in contraception will continue into the next century and will lower the birth rate. If it does not, they say, then by the middle of the 21st century there could be about 12.5 billion people on earth.

But, even taking the more optimistic lower figure, the prestigious Worldwatch Institute says there won't be enough food to feed them. According to the Institute's president, Lester Brown, agricultural production is leveling off. The rapid rise in productivity, often referred to as the "green revolution," that brought modern farming techniques to vast areas of the world, is a thing of the past, Brown and his col-leagues stated in a recent report.

The world is very close to reaching its carrying capacity," says Brown. Japanese farmers, some of the

Canada. In addition, less and less land is available for agriculture as burgeoning populations and rapid industrialization occupy more and more space. The sea, once seen as a possible source of food, is being depleted, says the report, and catches are drastically lower than they were even a decade ago. Overfishing and pollution have taken a toll on this resource and many species of edible fish and molluscs are in danger of extinction. Sea catches that were at a peak 100 million tons in 1990 have declined to about 80 million tons today. Peak production of grain per person worldwide has already been

most skilled technicians in agricul-

ture, have not managed to increase

yield rates in over a decade, nor have

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surpassed. In 1983, the world produced 346 kilograms of grain per capita, in 1994 it had fallen to 303 kg. and by 2030 it will probably have dropped to 240 kg. This is marginally more than the 200 kg. per person that sustains the population of the Indian sub-continent. It is also drastically less than the 800 kg. per person consumed by Americans where a large part of these cereal products go into meat production.

The expected shortage of food will drive world prices up, says Worldwarch, and while this will help stop overconsumption in the wealthy nations, it means that more. people will have a sub-subsistence diet in other places. Worldwatch has asked for a worldwide outlay of \$60 billion a year on birth control to try to stem this population deluge. "It's a lot of money," says Brown, "but the US military intelligence budget alone is \$30 billion. We just have to get our priorities straight."

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#### Presentation of El Al sale plan postponed

The official presentation of the El Al privatization blueprint to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy did not go ahead yesterday as planned, but has been rescheduled for today, according to Prime Minister's Office deputy spokesman Ofir Akoonis. "The handing over has been delayed for technical reasons," he said. "It appears the diplomatic workload is very heavy today [Sunday]."

#### Cabinet to resume talks on land reform today

The cabinet is scheduled to meet today to discuss for a second time the proposals contained in the Ronen report on reforming the Israel Lands Administration. During Friday's meeting, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu told his government colleagues to read the report fully and make their comments known today. It was still unclear last night whether the meeting would go ahead or not because of other commitments.

National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon, who is sponsoring the report in the cabinet, last night announced the postponement of tomorrow's meeting of the ILA directorate - which was scheduled to discuss the report. Sbaron said there is no point in holding the meeting while ministerial deliberations are in

Meanwhile, the united kibbutz and moshav movements asked the Supreme Court to issue a restraining order preventing the government and ILA from discussing the agricultural reforms without hearing from the farmers. In an interim ruling last night, the court said the ILA must not discuss the issue until a final legal decision is made.

#### Meridor hosts Hungarian privatization minister

Finance Minister Dan Meridor and Hungarian Privatization Minister Judit Csiha discussed economic ties between the two countries during a meeting in Jerusalem yesterday. Trade volume between the two countries totals an annual \$100 million. Budapest and Jerusalem have entered the final stages of talks to establish a free trade agreement.

#### Pelephone duplicators restrained by court

Pelephone has won a temporary restraining order against a cel-lular phone retailer who was caught duplicating cellular phone lines – allowing two phones to operate on the same line, one of them free. Tel Aviv District Court Judge Ephraim Shalev accept-ed Pelephone's arguments and issued the order against Eli Assor. The defendant was told not to duplicate phone lines until a final judgement is handed down. He was also barred from using documents or equipment to connect a third party to the system. Assor may not present himself as a Pelephone dealer.

Judy Siegel

#### Illegal workers seized in Tel Aviv

Investigators from the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry seized 37 illegal foreign workers yesterday in Tel Aviv and Lod, according to ministry spokesman Zvi Rozen. All the workers have been placed in custody in Tel Aviv. This is the second such operation in the last two weeks.

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# Budget posts surplus for third consecutive month

Foreign currency reserves hit new record high at \$16.4 billion

#### By DAYED HARRIS

The government posted a third consecutive monthly budget surplus after registering an unexpected NIS 592 million domestic surplus, excluding granted net credit last month, according to initial estimates published yesterday by the Treasury.

Over the first five months of the year the government has accumulated a NIS 463m. surplus in its domestic activides.

However, in its overall activides the government has so far this year accumulated a NIS 1.116 billion deficit, far lower proportionately than the NIS 10b. deficit set for all

of 1997, according to a ratio of 2.8% of GDP.

Meanwhile, foreign currency reserves rose \$383m. to a record \$16.394b. during May, according to data published yesterday by the Bank of Israel. The increase is the result of activities in the private sector and banks, coupled with a continuation of foreign investments, according to a bank statement, which added that there was a considerable decline in foreign currency credit in comparison to the last three months.

The Treasury figures are sending mixed messages to economists, who at the start of the year were speaking of a slowdown and likely government deficits.

It's looking like a dull year, but I bope an uneventful one," said Ezra Sadan of economic planning company Sadan Lowenstein Ltd. Both Sadan, a former Finance Ministry director general, and partner Ruth Lowenstein say it is too early to know on the basis of these figures whether the economy is coming out of its slowdown.

The overall budget deficit, including the foreign deficit, stood at NIS 87m. (excluding granted net credit) for May and NIS 1. t62b. over the first five months. This, however, will be offset later in the year by expected US economic aid.

There is some media speculation that Finance Minister Dan Meridor has been able to rein in the domestic deficit by delaying public spending programs.

However, with an imminent round of public pay claims and the subsequent negotiations and agreements, Meridor will be under increasing pressure to dip into reserves. But he, together with Labor and Wage Agreements Director Yossi Kucik, are so far remaining firm, saying they will not award pay increases in real

terms this year. It is Meridor's claim that excessive pay agreements under the Labor government have in part caused the mounting budget deficiL

Attention will once again turn to the ongoing talks among Meridor, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel over the much-debated additional 1997

budget cut. While these latest figures suggest a diminishing need for a cut, Meridor is still understood to favor what Treasury sources call a "slight adjustment."

However, according to the sources, some in the ministry already believe it is too late for a cut, with talks on the 1998 budget to begin this month.

### **Strauss** completes takeover of Elite

#### By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

The Federman family yesterday completed the transfer of its stake in Elite Industries to Nahariya Dairy Strauss Ltd., giving Strauss 30.69 percent of the company's capital shares and

46.42% of the voting rights, Strauss paid \$65 million. sources close to the company

Following the transfer. David Federman stepped down as CEO of the company.

Strauss announced that David

Schlacbet was appointed chairman of the board. Yitzhak Federman and Yebosbua Zoller, who served as directors under Federman, also

stepped down. Arieh Zeif, general manager of the Fiat Group, was appointed public director.

According to the original greement between the parties, the Strauss group was to have paid \$65m. in mid-July for the Federman family's stake in the

Ramat Gan-based company. Strauss moved up the date of the purchase to stabilize the

company. Strauss is now planning to institute a reorganization plan for Elite, Israel's largest cbocolate and sweets mannfacturer and second largest food and bev-

erages manufacturer. During the first stage of the restructuring program, Strauss will create a new structure for

The company will be turned into a holding company, and its divisions will be considered as subsidiaries. Strauss said this plan will

enable it to develop strategic

partnerships for the subsidiaries. The company said it has already began discussing some potential deals.

Strauss is one of the country's biggest food producers.

Antitrust Authority Director-General David Tadmor said that Strauss' purchase of Elite's shares bas resulted in a monopoly, meaning that certain barriers regarding limitations on product bundling will be imple-

Elite, which controls the coffee market, was already considered a

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#### Jordanian bourse revives

Jordanian brokers execute orders from mostly international global funds on the floor trade of the Amman Financial Market yesterday, which helped it climb to its highest levels in over three-and-a-half years. The unprecedented international global fund demand on a number of select blue-chips has heightened foreign interest.

#### COMPANY RESULTS

### Bank Leumi net soars to NIS 618m.

#### By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

The Bank Leumi Group's first-quarter net income soared 457 percent to NIS 618.3 million compared with the same period last year. The sum includes a NIS 456.2m. net profit from the sale of the bank's non-banking holdings in Africa Israel.

Net profit from ordinary operations was NIS

162.3m., an increase of 46.2% from the same period last year. The figure reflects an 8.9% return on

capital, compared with 6.4% in 1996. The provision for doubtful debts totalled NIS 89.2m. The bank made a special provision of NIS 75m. due to the slowdown of economic activity and the company's one-time profit from the sale of

excess shares in non-banking holdings. Last week the government sold 15% of its holding in Bank Leumi on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, generating an income of NIS 1.15 bil-

Israel Chemicals Ltd. (ICL) reported a 48% rise in first-quarter net income to \$21.3m. from \$14.4m. in the same period last year. Revenue was off 3% to \$400.7m. from \$412.9m.

The company said its activity in the chemical sector decreased by 5% in the first quarter from the same period last year. The company's fertilizer activities increased from \$19.2m. to \$24.4m.

Harel Hamishmar Investments Ltd. reported a 13% rise in net income in the first quarter to NIS 17.6m. from NIS 15.6m. in the same period last year. A one-time charge of NIS 1.9m. lowered the

company's profits to NIS 15.7m. Annual return on capital totalled 18%.

The company's balance totalled NIS 5.53b... NIS 4.14b, of which comes from life insurance and general insurance policies. Policies for outstanding circumstances comprise NIS 90m. of the company's balance. The premium on life insurance rose 9%, totalling NIS 210m. Profits in this division totalled NIS 18m.

Direct Insurance, an insurance company that bypasses agents and sells policies directly to customers, reported a 97% rise in first-quarter revenues to NIS 1.32m. from NIS 671,000 last year.

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go reform to become more compet-

itive in international business.

The premiums have risen 22% in real terms to NIS 35m. In December, Bank Leumi acquired 20% of Direct Insurance.

### Tokyo mulls suspending Nomura

#### Former president of Japan's largest brokerage arrested

strict penalties on Japan's largest

brokerage, Nomura, including a

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who had resigned as Nomura

Securities Co. president just two

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The scandal has also touched Dailchi Kangyo Bank, a major commercial bank which is suspected of providing loans for stock purchases 10 Ryuichi Koike, the racketeer who

The former president of Nomura was arrested Friday on suspicion of was arrested earlier this month. approving illegal payoffs to extortionists, underlining a widening Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto warned that the scandal scandal that links top businesses to would jol1 the nation's securities industry. The arrest of Hideo Sakamaki, The impact this will have is sev-

erer than you think," he said shortly after the arrest Indeed, Nomura faces a tough challenge to regain its reputation. Sakamaki took over as president,

promising to clean up the brokerage, after it was embroiled in another major scandal in 1991, involving payoffs to favored major clients. No Nomura official was arrested in that scandal. This week, Sakamaki testified in Parliament that he had met Koike,

the payoffs, totaling 38 million yen (\$326,000), according to Japanese media reports. Racketeers known as "sokaiya" extort payments by threatening to disrupt shareholders' meetings by shouting angry questions or at times

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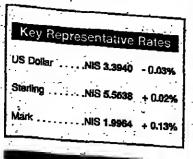
throwing bottles at the podium. The shareholders' meeting for which Sakamaki allegedly paid off Koike was one in which he brought back to the board the former top executives who had resigned to take responsibility for the earlier scan-

Sakamaki's arrest is an embar-

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SAN ASSESSMENT

#### Soybeans futures end strongly higher

#### By MICHAEL ZWEBNER

Soybean futures finished strongly higher on Friday, with old crop months leaping to double-digit gains on higher than expected weekly crush data.

The trend was consistent from the start, but prices did retrace parts of those advances at midsession, as end of the month profit-taking settled in to pressure the

Nonetheless, as the day unfolded, speculative buying interest reemerged to firmly plant prices m positive ground

. New crop months failed to garner the same enthusiasm, as favorable weather outlooks limited gains in the deferred contracts. The July contract settled 11 cents bigher at \$8.80 1/2. The November future ended 2 1/4 cents higher at \$6.84 3/4.

Soy-oil futures finished slightly weaker, pressured by dismalweekly exports, meal/oil spreading and speculative selling inter-

-The July contract ended 10 points lower at 23.78. Soymeal futures finished moderately higher, bolstered by supportive weekly crush and export reports. The July contract settled \$2.40 higher at \$290.50.

Corn futures ended slightly higher, edging upward on a solid. weekly export sales figure. The higher than anticipated export report keyed the day's gains, with spillover momentum from rallying soybeans adding to the firm

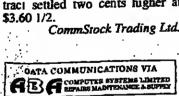
However, forecasts for warmer Midwest weather conditions kept a cap on the market's upward potential. The July contract settled 1 1/2 cents higher at \$2.70

Rough Rice futures finished higher, underpinned by decent weekly export sales and firm cash market prices. The July contract settled nine cents bigber at \$11.61. Oat futures finished slightly lower, with the July contract ending three-fourths of a cent lower at \$1.65 3/4.

Wheat futures ended mostly higher, garnering support from advances in soybeans, as well as supportive weekly export sales. The higher trend was consistent throughout the day, as the absence of any other fresh news kept the positive tone intact.

However, seasonal barvest pressure and improvements in the winter crop limited the market's upside potential. The July contraci settled two cents higher at

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Revolutionary United Front rebels man a checkpoint some 20 kilometers east of Freetown yesterday.

## S. Leone coup heads agree to bring back president

FREETOWN - Negotiators struck a deal with soldiers yesterday to end a week-long coup in Sierra Leone and bring back deposed civilian president Ahmad Tejan Kahbah, diplomats and mediators said.

"The latest is that a deal has been cut. Everything should be in place in a day or two," a senior diplomat said after a round of negotiations hosted by British High Commissioner (ambassador) Peter Penfold.

Penfold and Nigerian High Commissioner Chidi Abubakar have been hosting a series of secret preliminary talks culminating in a comprehensive meeting yesterday.
A veteran Sierra Leonean

would lead Turkey to early elections.

would work jointly to come up with a date.

country between secularists and anti-secularists."

politician who participated in the talks said a formal announcement was expected after a final meeting at Penfold's residence scheduled for yesterday evening to be attended by coup leader Major Johnny Paul Koromah.

Rebels fighting a bush war since 1991, who have allied with the coupmakers, were still opposed to a settlement but had not been part of the negotiations.

The diplomat said the agreement had all the elements of wbal the international community had been demanding since junior officers deposed Kabbah a week ago — "The return of the president, the handover of power by the coupmakers." Kabbah fled to neighboring Guinea after the coup.

Ciller to take over

Turkey leadership

band over the reins of government to her in the second half of June.

outside support from right-wing parties for a parliamentary majority.

Both politicians have their backs to the wall. After 11 months, their

And the military has grown increasingly impatient as Erbakan resists

Two weeks of intense negotiations failed to come up with an election

Ciller claimed the political opposition was trying to "polarize the

"The healthiest way is to go to the people under these circumstances,"

their demands to curb his moves to make the country into an Islamic

date, and Erbakan said that his Welfare and her center-right True Path

coalition is weakened by defections to the point that it must count on

Helicopters from a US Navy ship off Freelown completed the evacuation of remaining Americans and Europeans who took refuge in two beachside hotels from the widespread looting and violence which followed

last Sunday's coup.
"All those that wanted to go were evacuated," Commodore Greg Ertel said from the USS Kearsarge.

The Sierra Leonean sources spoke of growing disagreement between the coup leaders and rebels of the Revolutionary United Front (RUF) who have joined forces with the army but firmly oppose any negotiated seltlement.

One source said two people had been killed in gunfights between RUF rehels and coup

soloiers inside the military headquarters where Koromah and his colleagues have been holed up since seizing power.

RUF rebels, recognizable from their matted hair, hlack gloves and red headbands, were increasingly visible around the capital, proudly manning road checkpoints.

The last Westerners seeking evacuation were airlifted from the grounds of the Mammy Yoko Hotel, where analous Nigerian. Ghanaian and Gambian resideats milled around with their consular officers looking for ways to get them out.

A privately chartered boat docked nearby was expected to carry Lebanese nationals to Conakry, capital of neighboring

### Oklahoma jury goes to third day

DENVER (AP) — Jurors in the Oklahoma City bombing trial failed ANKARA (AP) - Deputy Prime Minister Tansu Ciller announced yesterday she was taking over the premiership a year ahead of her power-sharing arrangement with Islamic leader Necmettin Erbakan and to reach a verdict for a second day. with Timothy McVeigh's lawyer Neither the date of the elections or of the power-swap was given. But calling the length of deliberations "a victory for the system." Relatives of Erbakan told a news conference held together with Ciller that he would the victims prayed for justice and

> The seven-man, five-woman panel has had access to all pieces of evidence and requested posterboards and marking pens to assist in the deliberations.

the jury reconvened yesterday

McVeigh, who could get the death penalty if convicted of murder and conspiracy in the hlast, summoned lead attorney Stephen Jones to his courthouse cell late Friday for a talk that lasted well into the night.

"I would say his spirits were upbeat and appropriate," said Jones. We did talk about the case. We didn't dwell on what the jury might do. Certainly he recognizes guilt is one of the options the jury has."

As for the length of the delibera-tions, Jones said, "It's a victory for the system that the jury is carefully studying the evidence and weighing the decision." A block away, victims' relatives

anxiously waited out the verdict. "It's draining. The waiting is scary. You never know what they're thinking inside there," said Rudy Guzman, whose brother, Marine Capt. Randy Guzman, was among the 168 people who died in the April 19, 1995, bombing.

### WORLD

#### in brief

#### Bundesbank denies EMU report in gold feud

BONN (Reuter) - The head of Germany's powerful Bundesbank, locked in a bitter battle with Bonn over gold and currency reserves, denied he had proposed a delay in the 1999 start date for Europe's single currency.

Hans Tietmeyer insisted he was committed to the European Union's Maastricht Treaty, which lays down the timetable and criteria for Economic and Monetary Union (EMU). But he reiterated the Bundesbank's opposition to Finance Minister Theo Waigel's plan to revalue the bank's reserves this year.

#### Jovial pope jokes, admonishes Poles

WROCLAW (Reuter) ~ A jovial Pope John Paul joked with his countrymen about still being alive at 77 hut sternly warned them of a moral wilderness threatening the freedom they had won.
"See, I'm still alive. I just turned 77," he told a wildly enthusiasne and laughing crowd estimated at a quarter of a million peo-ple. On the second day of what Poles think might be his last trip home, the pope decried the scandal of "a geography of hunger," urging rich nations to put aside "unrestrained desire for profits"

#### Clinton's lawyer will 'fight Paula Jones'

WASHINGTON (AP) - US President Bill Clinton's lawyer said he'll go to court if necessary to fight the Paula Jones sexual harassment charges now that the Supreme Court has ruled the case can go ahead while Clinton is in office. Robert Bennett, told NBC's Meet the Press, Clinton categorically denies Jones' claim that he propositioned her in an Arkansas hotel room in 1991 and will neither apologize nor admit to any misconduct.

#### Korean students riot for third day

SEOUL (AP) - Students demanding the president's resignation clashed with police for the third straight day, setting Seoul streets alight with firebombs in a dense fog of police tear gas.

"Kim Young-sam step down!" some 1,000 students shouted as colleagues threw firebombs in an attempt to break through a police blockade outside Hanyang University in southern Seoul.

### Kenyan politicians confined to homes

NAIROBI — President Daniel arap Moi yesterday dismissed opposition demands for constitutional reforms ahead of elections, while pobce confined opposition leaders to their homes to prevent more protests.

Opposition leaders and clergy. seeking reforms to the constitution ahead of this year's elections. planned to disrupt Moi's speech at the annual Madaraka Day rally, marking Kenya's sieps toward independence from Britain in 1963.

But before the opposition could organize, riot police and paramilitary General Service Units surrounded the houses of the leaders, preventing them from leaving. After the rally ended, police withdrew.

The current atmosphere is not conducive to meaningful discussion on subjects such as the constitution. Such discussion can only be held meaningfully after the general elections," said Moi, defying demands by opposition and church

"A commission will then be

appointed that will take into account all interested parties," be said before a crowd of around ten thousand. Scores of residents in the outer

business district battled police and paramilitary General Service Unit (GSU) troops yesterday in a continuation of Saurday's riots, reporters Residents set tires on fire to ham-

per police access and looted shops in noting not prompted by an oppo sition protest call or the rally in central Uhuru (Freedom) Park. Security forces fired leargas into

one building and beat suspected looters senseless when they staggered out. Around 10 people were arrested, witnesses said.

Rioting brought Nairobi to a standsrill after security forces broke up a banned rally hy opposition and church groups pressing for a minimum package of constitutional change prior to presidential and parliamentary elections.

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#### TASE ROUNDUP

### Bank shares lead market higher

#### By DAN GERSTENFELD

Shares closed higher yesterday on very high volume as traders focused on bank shares, traders

The benchmark Mishtanim index of the top 100 shares gained 1.23 percent, or 3.38 points, to 277.77 on heavy all-share turnover of NIS 195 million against NIS 207m. on Thursday. The Maof 25 blue chip index

closed 1.16% higher at 286.06. "The top Maof stocks led the market today, and most activity was concentrated in bank shares, said a trader at United Mizrahi Bank. "The market continues to

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#### Mishtanim **277.77 ▲ 1.23**%

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show strength. I don't think that we will see a consolidation in the near future."

Bank Leumi, the most active share, rose 2% to 537 agorol on turnover of NIS 32.1m. The bank reported yesterday that first-quarter earnings per sbare of 44 agorot against eight agorot the same time iast year.

Leumi also completed a successful public offering last week. Bank Hapoalim, the third most active issue, gained 2.75% to 789

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### on volume of NIS 27.4m.

"Despite expectations for a mild correction the market continues to rise. The market looks very good and from a technical point of view it is expected to continue rising in the near term," said Arik Rothstein of Bloch Rotstein Securities and Investments. "I believe that the

three weeks." Rotstein added that the increased trading activity also reflected the positive trend.

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The Mizrahi trader agreed that the market is bullish. Traders are very optimistic, but the positive trend is expected to con-

time on a slower pace," she said. Osem Investments lost 0.25% to 1,974 after the company reported that earnings per share fell in the first quarter to 22 from 25 a year earlier. Israel Corp. fell 2.5% to 21,399.

The company reported a loss per share of NIS 6.41 against earnings per share of NIS 7.2) in the first quarter of 1996. Teva Pharmaceutical Industries,

the second most active share, rose 2.75% to 20,506 agorot on volume of NIS 6.7m. (Reuter)

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### **SPORTS**

in brief

#### Israel resume training for Russia

The national soccer team got its boots back on yesterday as it began the second phase of training for the upcoming World Cup qualifier with Russia next Sunday. The squad flies to Moscow on Wednesday.

Eli Ohana returned to the training ground in Ramat Gan directly from the court where he was released on bail after being arrested on suspicion of tax evasion.

Missing from training was Ronnen Harazi, who is in Spain, and is in negotiations with promotion hopefuls Salamanca. Harazi will play for the club if they win promotion to the first division. The club beat Palma de Majorca 3-1 yesterday and are certain of at last a promotion playoff spot. The top two sides go up automatically, while the next two play for another place in the top flight.

Eyal Berkovic flies to London today for a quick trip in which he hopes to sign for either West Ham or Tottenham Hotspur. Berkovic will return tomorrow and join his Israel teammates for the flight to Moscow.

#### Parma make sure of Champions' League slot

ROME (Reuter) - Parma clinched a place in the Champions' League next season after beating relegated Verona 2-1 on the last day of the Italian serie A season yesterday to finish as league runners-up. Juventus clinched the title nine days ago.

Internazionale drew 2-2 with Bologna to finish the season third and four points behind Parma.

#### Mary Albert honored with broadcasting award

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) - NBC sports broadcaster Marv Albert, who has been indicted on sex charges, was honored Saturday with the Curt Gowdy media award from the Basketball

During the ceremony, Albert spoke briefly, saying he was humbled by being honored for my contributions to basketball because I always thought that basketball benefitted me."

No mention was made about the sex scandal surrounding NBC's No. 1 basketball announcer. Albert was fingerprinted, booked and photographed last Wednesday after a hearing in Arlington (Va.) County Circuit Court, where his lawyer made it clear the sportscaster will plead innocent to sodomy and assault

Albert, 53, was released on his own recognizance, if convicted, he could face life in prison.

### Detroit takes 1-0 lead in Stanley Cup finals

PHILADELPHIA (Reuter) - Hextall with center Kris Draper They say defence is whet wins and no Flyer in sight, bad e the Stanley Cup. Bad defeoce short-handed goal while some can lose it.

The Detroit Red Wings capitalized on a bounty of defensive mistakes by the Philadelphia Flyers to win the first game of the best-of-seven National Hockey League Stanley Cup Finals 4-2 Saturday night.

The Wings, using their signa-ture graceful, fluid skating, filled every space of open ice in Game l, and when the puck was coughed up, when mistakes were made, they were there.

Detroit's victory was a clinic in how to play a game in which the object is to allow your opponents to bear themselves.

The Red Wings were there, only six minutes after the start of the game - seconds after their own right wing Tomas Sandstrom was penalized for high-sticking – when the Flyers defencemen got caught playing too deep in Detroit's end of the

The puck bounced free, as it often does, but there was no one home at the Flyers, end. Detroit's Kirk Maltby, frying in agaiosi Flyers goaltender Ron Philadelphia fans were still finding their seats.

Philadelphia tied the score only 59 seconds when center Rod Brind'Amour, liogering in froot of Detroit goaltender Mike Vernon, stuffed the puck through a scrum of players.

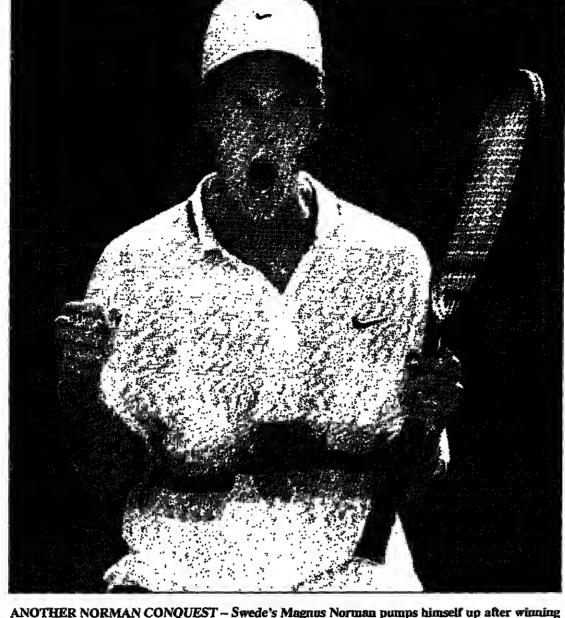
The Red Wings were there

again with about four minutes left in the first period when Philadelphia defenceman Kjell Samuelsson, who had been sidelined since January after having surgery to his back, made a bliod pass that landed directly oo the stick of Detroit wing Joe Kocur.

Again, there was nothing but open ice all the way to the Flyers' net. "We did make some bad deci-

sions," Flyers' captain Eric Lindros said solemnly after the Every time the Flyers seemed

to get their legs back under them and start to dictate the flow of play - which is critical if their style of bruising body checking is to be successful - they made another mistake, and the Red Wings were there.



ANOTHER NORMAN CONQUEST - Swede's Magnus Norman pumps himself up after winning a point against Marc Rosset of Switzerland yesterday. Norman won the match in four sets. (Renter)

### Kafelnikov wins game of 'Russian roulette'

PARIS (Reuter) - Defending champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov coolly restored some order to the French Open men's draw yesterday, defying what one of his beaten rivals described as "Russian roulette" conditions to reach the last

Ignoring the strong winds which tipped two other potential title contenders over the edge, Kafelnikov dodged all the bullets his big-serving Australian opponent Mark Philippoussis could unleash to register a straight sets victory as good as anything he has managed this year. It was a total contrast to the fates

of Spain's Alex Corretja, a 5-7, 6-1, 6-4, 7-5 loser to Belgian qualifier Filip Dewulf, and 1992 Olympic champion Marc Rosset, beaten 4-6, 6-3, 7-6, 6-3 by Swede Magnus Norman, and left the Russian as the sole seeded representative in the top half of the draw.

Even allowing for his luminous yellow shoes, perhaps an attempt to ensure the Roland Garros gatemen recognize him more easily than at present, Kafelnikov's 6-2, 6-3, 7-5 win in just 93 minutes easily stood out from the rest of the day's action. While Rosset complained about the impossibility of coping with the strong winds - "II was more like Russian roulette on many points" -Kafelnikov's form belied the threemonth injury absence which wrecked his claycourt preparation

"So far so good, but my next

match will be the championship match. Then I can tell you if the miracle might happen," said Kafelnikov, whose quarter-final opponent will be either Andrei Medvedev or Brazil's Gustavo Kuerten, locked at 2-2 in a fifth set when bad light halted their fourth

round contest. Even the clay court expertise of Corretja, though, could not save the eighth-seeded Catalan from a remarkable defeat to Dewulf, ranked 122 in the world and now the first Belgian to reach a Grand Slam quarter-final in the Open era.

With the wind sending clouds of dust billowing across centre court, Corretja's top spin game went out of the window and Dewulf's heavy forehand did the rest, helped by the Spaniard's sporting decision to over-rule a line judge and call a ball out on game point at 5-5 in the final

Norman, ranked 65, reacted coolly to Rosset's attempt to blame the weather for his demise. "I don't know if it was blowing more on his side of the net," he said dryly. "I just knew I had to fight, concentrate, not throw my racquet and forget about the ball hitting the frame."

The weather also played its part in a bizarre encounter between women's world No. 1 Martina Hingis and Austria's Barbara Paulus which the Swiss top seed finally

Hingis was only able to hold her serve twice in the first two sets and tossed her racquet at her chair et 0-3 in the second, visibly frustrated by the course of events.

It was only in the final set that her normal composure returned as Paulus faded badly after dropping her serve in the opening game.

The two best performances amongst the women, however, were Amanda Coetzer's gritty 6-7, 6-4, 6-3 win over Conchita Martinez, her first win in 11 meetings with the Spaniard, and Monica Seles' 6-4, 7evening win over France's Mary Pierce in front of a pumped-up center court crowd.

Seles, serving for the match at 5-4 in the second set, was momentarily thrown off guard by a boisterous Mexican Wave and allowed Pierce who said later she felt less than fully fit, back into contention at 5-5.

It proved an illusion as the last remaining French hope dropped her own serve to love, silencing the crowd and handing the initiative to an opponent who felt she was "pretty close to having everything working well".

Seles now meets Mary Joe Fernandez while Coetzer faces Steffi Graf, a 6-7, 6-2, 6-2 winner over Romania's Irina Spirlea, in a quarter-final rematch of the pair's German Open meeting last month which the South African won 6-0,

### England recall Devon Malcolm for first Test

bowler Devon Malcolm to a squad of 13 for the first Test against Australia which begins at Edgbaston on Thursday.

Malcolm was last picked in the final Test in South Africa 17 months ago, when England lost the match and with it the series.

The Jamaican-born bowler later became embroiled in a row with the former chairman of selectors Ray Illingworth amid accusations of racism.

Malcolm, fiery and sometimes erratic, was subsequently ignored for the four series at home to India and Pakistan and away to Zimbabwe and New Zealand.

This season he has been in fine form for his county, Derbyshire, taking 34 wickets.

"Last summer, no matter how well I bowled, there was an obstacle to me being picked," Malcolm said. "I don't want my Test career to be remembered for what happened at the end of the South African tour." Despite being named in the squad yesterday, Malcolm is not yet certain to play. Danen Gough and Andy

LONDON (Reuter) - England Caddick will probably be regarded as have recalled controversial fast the first-choice pace bowlers and the first-choice pace bowlers and Malcolm's inclusion will depend on the balance of the side.

His county colleague Dominic Cork and Kent's Dean Headley are both injured but Mark Ealham and Adam Hollioake, both seam bowlers and all-rounders, are included as are two spinners, Phil Tufnell and Robert

Nine of the team that won the last two Tests in New Zealand in February have been picked. The two to miss out are Cork and Warwickshire's opener Nick Knight, not selected for his own ground after a poor um of form.

Mark Butcher, uncapped like his Surrey team mate Hollioake, is preferred to Knight, who made scores of only 12 and 4 in the one-day internationals against Australia last month.

England won that series 3-0 to give them renewed heart for the six-Test Ashes series, which the tourists are still favorites to win.

England squad: Mike Atherton (captain), Mark Butcher, Alec Stewart, Grabam Thorpe, Nasser Hustain, John Crawley, Mark Enfhana, Adam Holiosice, Robert Croft, Phil Tufnell, Darren Gough, Andrew Caddick, Devon Malcoltz.

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### New women's triplejump mark for Shfaran

By HEATHER CHAIT

Marine Shfaran from Elitzur Yevne set a new women's triplejump record yesterday on the second and final day of the international athletic junior meet in

Shfaran's distance of 12.66 meters bettered her own previous

record by eight centimeters.

In the high jump event, Shfaran finished second with a height of

On Saturday, the womeo's relay team of Adi Zalenko, Moran Katz, Anat Morad and Rima Torovsky clocked a new junior time of 47.68 seconds in the 4x100m, snipping seveo-hundredths of a second off the old record.

Dirba Mokat from Elitzur Migdal Haemek, who placed sec-ond in Saturday's 1,500m, finished second in yesterday's 5,000m, losing by a hairs-breadth to Turkey's Halil Takimi. The Turk's time was 14:39.05 compared to Mokat's 14:40.07.

Other noteworthy results came from Scotland's Chris Stewart who set a time of 21.44 seconds in the 200 meters and Greece's Lonis Stimatis who leapt 16.14m in the triple-jump.

Overall, Israel fared disappointingly among the seven-nation event, taking fourth place among both the boys and girls.

Greece woo the boys' section with 85 points, followed by Turkey on 70, Cyprus on 56 and Israel on 44. Cyprus won the girls eveot with 67 points. Turkey was second with 51, Greece and Ireland on 47 and Israel on 45. Berlis Yoanis and Sopbia

Ofniato, both from Greece, were named as the best male and female athletes respectively.

#### Clemens improves to 10-0 with win over Athletics

OAKLAND, Ca. (Reuter) -Roger Clemens became the first 10game winner in the majors and Joe Carter bomered to cap an eight-run fourth inning Saturday as the Toronto Blue Jays demolished the Oakland Athletics 13-3.

Clemens (10-0) pitched eight innings and allowed two runs and eight hits. The big righthander struck out only four but benefitted from four double plays. The A's output actually raised Clemens's earned run average from 1.81 to

"Roger has done a tremendous job for this club," said Toronto (26-25) manager Cito Gaston. "Without him, we're probably in last-place. I would say he's probably pitching as well as he's ever pitched." Clemens entered the game with a 10-11 lifetime mark against Oakland, the only

team he did not have a winning record against. "I was really fortunate that our hit-

ters put the big numbers up," said Clemens. "That makes a big difference, especially when they do it Catcher Charlie O'Brien, shortstop Alex Gonzalez and second baseman Tilson Brito - the bottom three hitters in Toronto's order went 10-for-13 with five RBI and five runs scored. The Jays had a scason-high 19 hits in the game.

The eight-run fourth made it smooth sailing for Clemens.

"He's (Clemens) got great stuff, no doubt about it," said Oakland's Jason Giambi, who had two hits and an RBL "That's why he's 10-0 now. He's been that way his whole career. You know you're going against the best." The win snapped the Blue Jays' four-game losing sueak.

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#### **ISRAEL FESTIVAL**

The only performance of Don Quixote by the legendary Kirov Ballet is at the Roman theater in Caesarea torright at 8:30. (Give yourself an extra hour's traveling time as traffic is likely to be heavy.) Back up in Jerusalem, the Zik troupe performs its Energik collage of image, complete with its trademark fire, of course. Tonight and tomorrow at the hangar in Talpiot at 9 p.m. Helen Kaye

The Israel Chamber Orchestra presents the premiere of A Dream in Blue and White - an opera for storyteller and orchestra by Boaz Ben-Moshe (music) and Yossi Alfi (words) at the Rebecca Crown Auditorium (8:30). Doron Solomon conducts and the ICO is joined by an Iraqi instrumental ensemble. This work tells the story of a young boy's experience of his immigration from Iraq to Israel in the 1940s. Michael Ajzenstadt

Bobby McFerrin joins the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in a series of concerts which present this consummate musician in various capacities from orchestra conductor (Gershwin's An American in Paris and Rimsky-Korsakov's Capriccio espagnole) to his own jazz selections with his Bang Zoom trio, jazz arrangements with the orchestra and some vocal solos by himself. Tonight at the Jerusalem International Convention Center. Also tomorrow and Thursday at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv and Wednesday at the Haifa Auditorium (8:30). Thursday at midnight McFerrin and his trio perform a jazz evening at the hangar at Tel Aviv port. Michael Ajzenstadt

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#### **OPERA**

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Verdi's The Masked Ball is about love, jealousy and regicide. Soprano Michele Crider sings Amelia to baritone Roberto Servile's Renato. Tenor Alberto Cupido is King Gustaf III of Sweden, Amelia's would-be lover. This is the second of the the Berlin Opera's guest productions 6t the New Israeli Opera. It's directed by Gotz Friedrich and conducted by Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos. Tonight and Wednesday at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m.

#### TELEVISION

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I Provision for the second

9 A list once circulated at the

10 A father backing his little

home (6,5)

seaside (9)

11 Actors off-stage (6)

statuary? (8)

12 Cardinal distinction (8)

18 To push cash would be

nonsense! (6)

15 A picture of vessele

18 An understanding of

19 Apt to go astray in a film (6)

21 Just the same, a lot of

people are present (8)

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ELANA CHIPMAN Her Majesty's Tears is a new, highly acclaimed

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23 First lady being received

26 Take the top bunk and stay

27 In the main they're not

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1 Follow in order to gain

2 A contract that's written

3 No longer offers stretchers

4 The preservation of an old

by nun may be irregular (6)



Bobby McFerrin performs with the IPO tomorrow night at 8:30 p.m.

Egyptian series written by the journalist Mussa Savri, looking at Egyptian society during the final days of King Farouk's rule, on the eve of the rise of the Free Officers. The title hints et the tears of the Egyptian press, which reflected the crumbling society and moral decline in Egypt at the time. The program is shown daily at 6 p.m. on ITV 3

#### FILM

Adina Hoffman

\*\*\* BLOOD & WINE - One of the most exquisitely mixed-up pictures of the last several years, the latest collaboration between director Bob (Five Easy Pieces) Rafelson and actor Jack Nicholson combines a rich, novelistic sense of character with the plot twists of a junky genre flick. Nicholson stars as a well-heeled scoundrel of a Miami wine dealer who hatches a plan to steal 6 diamond necklace with the help of an ex-con played by Michael Caine. The burglary, of course, does not go as planned. What separates B&W, though, from the tens of dozens of other films about failed heists and their aftermath is that The Situation is typical, but the characters aren't types. With Stephen Dorff, Judy Davis and Jennifer Lopez, one of the most genuinely beautiful young actresses to cross the screen in 6 long time. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles, Children mer 17 not admitted without an adult.)

**■ CHANNEL 1** 

6:30 News Bash 6:31 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Time 7:00 Good Morning

**■ EDUCATIONAL** 

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> 18:00 Cartoons 16:30 Panorama 17:00 Adventures

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anything to continue painting, including going to jail. With Alec Guinness and Kay Walsh. Directed by Ronald Neame. 22:50 The Duchess of Duke Street ■ ETV 2 (23)

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CHANNEL (3)

7:00 Good Evening

9:45 The Young and

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11:15 Zingara (rpt)
12:00 Barnaby Jones
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14:50 Days of Our Lives 15:35 The Nanny 16:00 Hercules

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00:15 The Streets of San Francisco 1:05 Barnaby Jones **■ MOVIE** CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Anything to Survive (1990) adverture 13:05 Seeing Stars 13:55 Sweet Temptation (1996) – 6 man and his fiancée's adolescent daughter consum-mate their attraction. With Beverly

VVIII Develop D'Angelo 15:30 Wishing Tree (Russian , 1976) – drama taking place in a-turn-of-the-century Georgian village. 16:55 Special report on Head Above Water 17:15 Holy Matrimony (1994) – comedy with Patricia Arquette and Tate

Donovan 18:50 Five and Five Musical (Hebrew, 1980) – five soldiers on R&R in a village manage to avoid any kind of work and even have some fun. With Dalik Vilnitz 20:25 Blessed Assurance (1995) – a Korean War veteran betrays his fiancée

and succumbs to that temptation to sell crooked insurance 22:00 High Tide (1987) - drama about a rock 'n' roll singer stranded in a small Australian town after she is fired from arier sne is irred from her band. She winds up encountering the daughter she desert-ed after her husband died. With Judy Davis and Jan Adele. Directed by Gillian

Amstrong. 23:40 Marked for Murder (1993) -thriller 1:20 Dark Secrets (1995) – an artist

reaps accolades for statues portraying statues porraying dying moments of people and animals 2:50 Someone to Die For (1995) – thriller with Corbin Bernsen and Ally Walker

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18:00 Yes, Minister
19:30 Chicago Hope 13:50 Big City Metro: Toronto 14:20 Anatomy of Love (rpt) 15:15 For Better for Worse (rpt) 16:15 Human Nature the Beautiful 21:00 Senta Berbara 22:00 Star News 17:00 Open University – Hong Kong 97; The 22:30 X-Files 23:30 Star Trek

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**■ STAR SPORTS** (unconfirmed)

magazine 1:00 Snooker: Euro

8:00 World Badminton Championship, Scotland - Finals 11:30 Asia Sport

12:00 Asian Soccer Show 13:00 English Cricket: Derbyshire vs. Australia 15:15 Golf: Inside 6:30 Nine To Five 7:00 Pierre Francy's 15:45 English Cricket

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■ BBC WORLD

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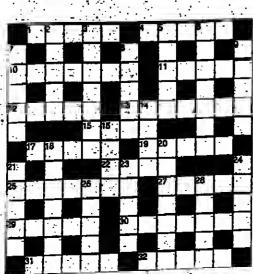
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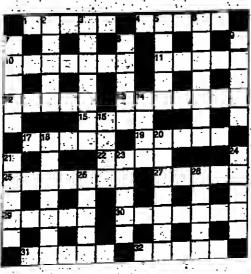
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# Peres won't endorse any Labor candidate

By SARAH HONIG

Outgoing Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres has decided not to endorse any of the candidates in tomorrow's party leadership primary.

The main concern of the candidates, however, is that the voter turnout will be low. The lackluster campaign has failed to generate much excitement among the rank and file.

Party pundits had been predicting that Peres would endorse his protege, MK Yossi Beilin, on the eve of the primaries. But Peres decided to keep his silence.

Labor sources believe that Peres failed to back Beilin chiefly because he perceives his cause as a lost one. Like most observers, he believes that Beilin will come in second and that MK Ehud Barak is assured of victory. Peres, already at loggerheads with Barak, sees no point in aggravating relations even further and allowing Barak to claim that be triumphed despite him.

Around Beilin it is claimed that a Peres endorsement at this late date would have done little to

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change the odds.

MKs Ephraim Sneh and Shlomo Ben-Ami, both of whom trail according to the polls, expressed concern ves-

terday that some of the halloting stations will be located in private homes or in Histadrut places of employment and institutions. This. they warn, could lead to fraud. Sneh has in particular warned that Histadrut employees are already being pressured not to vote for

Shimon Peres (Isaac Harari)

victory.

Theoretically, each of the four candidates has right to place observers at each of the 662 balloting stations nationwide, but the logistics are difficult for the underdogs. Their resources, in both funds and manpower, are already stretched to the limit.

Former MK Eli Dayan, who heads the primary committee, reported at a press conference yesterday that some 166,000 party members are eligible to vote. For the first time, the voting age has

been lowered to 16. The kibbutz movement accounts for 30,000 registered members, the largest group, followed by the Arah sector with 18,000.

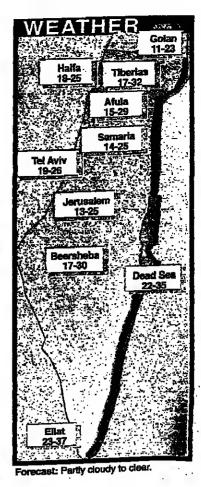
The polling stations will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Soon after they close, the counting will begin and results will be faxed under special identification codes to party headquarters in Tel Aviv. The final results will only be in on Wednesday morning, though straw poll results will be in as

soon as the voting ends. The lower voting age is one means to increase turnout, which is the party's main worry. At this point, only half the eligible voters are expected to cast a hallot, in sharp contrast to the near 80 percent turnout during the contests between Peres and the late Yitzhak Rabin. A low turnout is expected to hurt the Barak, though it would not endanger his



Hebrew University convocation

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu speaks at yesterday's Hebrew University annual convocation on Mount Scopus. Netanyahu, who was heckled hy students standing outside the Rothberg Amphitheater, where the ceremony took place, called the hecklers 'boring' for (Text: Elli Wohlgelernter: Photo: Brian Hendler) chanting nothing more than slogans.



AROUND THE WORLD

AFTER 33 YEARS

Events marking 30 years since the unification of Jerusalem

CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

Tuesday, 3.6.97, 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

IDF Assembly Tours through the warriors paths and celebratory coremony at the Sultan's Pool.

Tuesday, 3.6.97, 9:30 p.m. Festive Dance Show

Music and dance show in the Great Synagogue Plaza. Tuesday, 3.6.97, 10:00 p.m.

**Festive Ceremonies** 

Yeshiya students from "Yeshiyat Hallay" and Beit Orot will dance and sing down to Western Wall and celebrate there until morning.

Wednesday, 4.6.97, 9:00 a.m. Kindergarten Gathering

Singing and Dancing at Kikar Salra for Jerusalem Day.

Wednesday, 4.6.97, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Guided Tours Free of charge at City Hall.

In Hebrew, leaving on the hour. English - 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. Russian - 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

French - 12:00 p.m. Meeting place: City Hall, Kikar Safra, by the Visitor's Center. Wednesday, 4.6.97, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Moriah Troop Gathering Gathering at Best Hahagana, tour of Castel and participation in official Ceremony at Ammunition Hill.

Wednesday, 4.6.97, 9:30 a.m. **Event for New Immigrants** At Gan Sacher Amphitheater. Wednesday, 4.6.97, 11:00 a.m.

Festive Plenens at Knesset Marking 30 years since Jerusalem was united

Wednesday, 4.6.97, 1:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Paratrooper Assembly

Liberators of Jerusalem, festive caremony at the Sultan's Pool, at 8:00 p.m. (Lond sounds will be heard at this ceremony as part of

a simulation of the events during the war). Wednesday, 4.6.97, 1:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Gathering and dancing at Gan Sacher, March through streets: Bezazet. Ben Yehuda, King George

"Flag Dance" from intersections: King George-Yaffo till Tzabal Square Walk to Western Wall through all the Old City gates (except the new gate). Will conclude with festive curemony at Western Walf.

Thursday, 5.6.97, 6:00 p.m.

Conference on Economic Development of Jerusalem. As a Zionistic task of the Zionist Council at Municipality Council Hall, Kikar Safra I

Thursday, 5.6.97, 8:00 p.m.

Celebratory Show - Jerusalem Day Nights Marking 30 years since Jerusalen's unification.
Participants include: Margalit Tzanani, Yancov Cohen, Ruchama Raz, Nati Levi,
"Hakof Over Chabibi" Band, fireworks show.

Tickets available at community administrations in the various neighborhoods.

SPORTS CELEBRATIONS

Tuesday, 3.6.97, 3:30 p.m. The 3rd. Israeli Deputy Ariel Gyadia Indo Championships in the Sports Auditorium at the Ziv Community Center.

Wednesday, 4.6.97, 7:00 p.m. Jerusalem Swimming Championships At Philip Leone Swimming Pool, Knyat Yovel.

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Precityle swimming competition 12.45 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. - Swimming Entrance free.

Wednesday, 4.6.97. 7:00 p.m. Israeli Champions vs. Greek Champions

Priendly international socier game in the framework of preparations for the Buropean Championships, at the Malcha Sports Stadium.

Wednesday, 4.6.97, 8:30 p.m. Israeli The Kwon Doe Championships

At Nave Yankov Community Administration Sports Auditorium.

FOR THEM AND THEIR MEMORIES

Wednesday, 4.6.97, 1:00 p.m. Official state Memorial Ceremony For the fallen soldiers of the Six Day War Ar Mt. Herzi Military Cemetary.

Wednesday, 4,6.97, 5:00 p.m. Official State Assembly

Marking the liberation and unification of Jerusalem and in memory of the fallen soldiers.

in the presence of the President of Israel, the Prime Minister and the Mayor. At the National Memorial Area, Ammunition Hill Museum

Wednesday, 4.6.97, 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. Menorial Ceremonies at Memorial Area

At Wade Joz, Ammunition Hill, Rockfeller Museum, near the Lights Gate and at the entrace to Great Hamatos.

A wide spectrum of events will be held to mark 36 years of a united Jerusalen For more information, call 02-6314600-L

Due to the events marking Jernsalem Day, changes will be made as the traffic arrangements throughout the city. made in the truffic arrange

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# 3 get life for murder

Sergei Danielov, Alexander Melnik, and Oleg Poliakov were sentenced to life in prison by Jerusalem District Court yesterday for the murder of Victoria Piotkovsky on June 8, 1996.

According to the charge sheet, the three were called to the Exclusive escort service at 2:30 a.m. on that day, after a quarrel broke out between the victim and a client. They demanded that she refund his money, and hit her when she refused. When she threatened to go to the police, they dragged her into a car driven by Dimitri Gorayev.

They drove out of the city on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway, and Poliakov took a rope out of the glove compartment, handed it to Danielov and Melnik, who were sitting in the back seat with the victim.

drove to the West Bank and buried her in a field near Ma'aleh Michmash. The body was discovered on June 25.

Gorayev was convicted of abetting a murder. The court decided he was unaware of the other three's intention to kill Piotkovsky until they started to strangle her, but because he didn't stop the car when they did, he helped them commit the crime.



#### Winning cards

The winning cards in yester-day's Chance draw (144/97) were the king of spades, jack of hearts, 10 of diamonds and 10 of clubs. The results of the second draw (145/97) were the ace of spades. eight of hearts, seven of diamonds and queen of clubs.

### Egyptian account of Dakar fate dismissed

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Admiral (res.) Micha Ram yesdismissed reported accounts by an Egyptian naval officer, who claimed he saw the missing Israeli suhmarine Dakar sink while trying to outrun Egyptian ships, saying the Egyptian had the sinking mixed up with another incident.

According to an interview in this week's Egyptian publication October, retired admiral Abed Hamid Azab claimed he had witnessed the sinking of the Dakar off the Egyptian coast.

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He was quoted as saying that while commanding an Egyptian destroyer, a submarine's periscope was sighted 4 kms from Alexandria and he didered his ship to sail toward it. The submarine dived quickly, but it did so at a dangerous spot in the ocean where there are treacherous currents and thick, silty sea beds. He believes the submarine was the Dakar and that it got caught in the silt.

Bui Ram, a fomer navy commander, told Israel Radio that he recalled the incident the Egyptian was referring to and it did not involve the Dakar but snother submarine. Ram said that Israeli submarine did not dive, but headed toward the coast and slipped away. Meanwhile, the families of the

69 sailors who went missing when the Dakar disappeared in the Mediterranean in 1968, urged the navy to resume its search. "They." [the navy] told us the searches could only be carried out two months of the year," said Shronel Schnapper, chairman of the families of the missing Dakar sailors "But our experts said they could be carried out all year round." Schnapper complained Defense

Minister Yitzhak Mordechai has declined to meet the families of the Dakar seamen.

Mordechai's spokesman, Avi Benayahu, said: "If it is so important [to the families] then I think I can say the defense minister will. hold a meeting."

Benayahu said Mordechal recently approved plans to renew searches for the Dakar together with the US Navy this summer. It is believed the Dakar dived deeper than it should have due to human error or a technical malfunction, and its frame buckled under the weight of the sea.

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